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The youngest baseball player ever was Joe Nuxal. He made his debut in the game at the age of 14.



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Sri Lanka vs Zimbabwe Third Test, Day Three Live at 9:30 am

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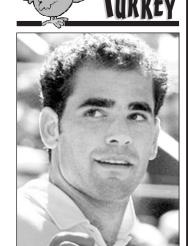
South Africa vs Australia Second ODI Highlights at 8:00 am English Premier Football League Man United vs Southampton 11:00 am

Western Union World Football 1:00 pm Sportscentre Hindi Sport News

Live at 8:30 pm Cricket Programming Super Selector 9:00 pm

STAR Sports

Australian Open Men/Women First Round Live at 6:00 am Sportsline Today Sport News Live at 12:00 pm Harsha Online Cricket Talk Show 8:30 pm Australian Open Day One Highlights at 9:30 pm Sportsline Tonight Sport News



Pete Sampras

(American tennis star) "I had as normal a childhood as you can have while growing up being very serious about a sport. I lived at home until I was 17, so it wasn't as drastic as Agassi or Courier, who went away to Nick Bollittieri's Tennis Academy when they were 12. That's really quite a pretty big change, but I had a pretty normal



The Baily Star Win attractive prizes

Competition closes at 8 pm

Jan 18, 2002 and draw shortly afterwards						
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Which football club won Argentine Championship?						
	Racino	3	Boca	River		
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5. How many batsmen have played in 100 consecutive Tests?

Class..... Roll No..... School Address

Phone: (If any)

Rahman plays with press

Football

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With three days gone by after FIFA (Federation of International Football Associations) banned Bangladesh, the sports ministry of the BNP government is still sitting on the fence.

Fazlur Rahman, state minister for youth and sports, met with the press at the National Sports Council (NSC) yesterday but could say nothing clear about his future course of action. The only change in the whole silly affair is that the sports boss has now woke up to the reality that no football-playing nation can violate the rules of its supreme authority, the FFA. Speaking to a crowded local

press, the BNP lawmaker, who vowed not to bow doown to the FIFA and AFC pressure only a few days back, failed to say what initiative his governemt would take to bring Bangladesh in the international fold as soon as possible.

Cricket

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as captain

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) on

Sunday announced a 14-member

Bangladesh A team for the Busta

Cup in West Indies with Akram Khan

Naimur Rahman, the discarded

national captain also found a place

in the side that will be making the

first-ever visit by any Bangladesh

and the first-class competition

Test players in left-arm spinner

Mohammad Rafique and all-

dropped from the national team

after the second Test against

ising players like pacemen Tareq

Aziz Khan, Mohammad Alamgir.

The tour will provide the pair a

chance to play in different condi-

tions and a second meeting with

West Indies legend Andy Roberts

who visited Dhaka on a short coach-

Besides, there are four spinners

although the chief selector Mainul

Huq might argue about Naimur's

ISPAHANI MIRZAPORE TEA

3rd National Cricket League

Chittagong returned empty handed

from Khulna when the former cham-

pions conceded a 78-run defeat

against the hosts in their limited-

overs match of the Ispahani

Akram Khan the port city team

suffered the embarrassing defeat

against a lowly Khulna, who suc-

cessfully defended a fighting 204 in

the reduced 45-overs-a-side match

Bangladesh A team to West Indies

later this month, was the only bats-

man to offer any resistance after the

visitors at one stage were reeling at

boundaries and two sixes in his 81-

a respectable total with Tushar

Imran and Niaz making 45 and 41

final Test against Zimbabwe here on

to Test cricket after more than a year

with a career-best 92, while

Samaraweera hit a patient 76 as Sri

Lanka posted 418 despite

Zimbabwe's defensive bowling

reach 18 for no loss at stumps on the

second day, trying to avoid a clean

The tourists batted 19 overs to

Chandana celebrated his return

The right-hander struck seven

Earlier, the home team collected

Akram, who will lead the

Despite a valiant 82 by captain

National League on Sunday.

at the Jessore Stadium.

ball innings

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Naimur is the only right-arm

ing tour in August last year.

The team leaves on January 20

Akram is also joined by two other

Both Akram and Naimur were

The squad includes some prom-

selection to the Caribbeans.

commences on January 25.

rounder Mashfiqur Rahman.

Zimbabwe in November.

A team for WI tour named

The FIFA slapped the ultimate sanction on the Bangladesh Football Federation on January 11 for overthrowing a democratically elected committee of Harunur Rashid, a former Awami League legislator. The suspension prevents Bangladesh from participating in any international football activities (official and friendly



FAZLUR RAHMAN

matches at national or club level football) and the BFF's right to vote

Akram, Naimur get tickets

off-spinner in the side that has two

left arm tweaker Manzarul Islam and

Rafique while Mosaddek Hossain is

AKRAM KHAN

behind the stumps.

Jan 25-28

Feb 15-18

Mar 8-11

Khulna crush Ctg

Young Anwar Hossain will stand

Interestingly, the Board named

West Indies "B"

Leewards

Windwards

Chittagong, who drew the four-

Khulna moved into the third

day match on Saturday, remained

glued to their previous collection of 8

position with four points while

Rajshahi, Barisal and Sylhet have

Scoreboard of the limited-overs

match of the Ispahani National

Cricket League between Chittagong

and Khulna at the Jessore Stadium

oints after three games.

got two points each

KHULNA

Tushar run out

Jamal not out

Rana run out

SCOREBOARD

Sajjadul c Azam b Sumon

Selim c Anisul b Safiuddin

Niaz c Faisal b Safiuddin

Hasanuzzaman b Sabbir

Salahuddin b Bebabroto

Biplob c Murtaza b Suja

Tariq c Ehsanul b Safiuddin

Extras: B-1, lb-5, nb-1, w-15)

Fall of wickets: 1-27, 2-64, 3-143, 4-

149, 5-165, 6-170, 7-171, 8-188, 9-

Upul, Thilan pile on runs

Total: (All out in 45 overs)

A Kamal b Safiuddin

Trinidad

Guyana

Feb 22-25 Barbados

Mar 15-18 Semifinals

Mar 22-25 Final

Schedule of Bangladesh A team in the Busta Cup:

Bourda, Guyana

to be announced

Kensington Oval, Barbados

Debabroto

Safiuddin

Sumon

Sabbir

Faisal

CHITTAGONG

Ehsanul b Tario

Sabbir run out

Suia not out

Bowler

A Kamal

Sajjadul

Manzarul

Tariq

Niaz

Jamal

45

10

Anisul c Selim b A Kamal

Sumon c Tushar b Tario

Akram c Uzzal b Jamal

Murtaza c Riplob b Niaz

Extras: (lb-2. nb-4. w-4)

Total: (All out in 30 overs)

5-7, 6-13, 7-45, 8-115, 9-122

Result: Khulna won by 78 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Akram Khan.

Debabroto c & b Manzarul

Safiuddin c Nahidul b Manzarul

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-6, 3-6, 4-6

M

0 28

17

30 0

Azam c Manzarul b A Kamal

Faisal c Niaz b Tario

the lone leg-spinner.

at the FIFA and AFC congresses.

The politician, instead of acting sensibly, only juggled with words to evade inquisitve journalists. He only kept on assuring the media that he would take any measures needed to solve the crisis.

"It's a shame that FIFA has banned us. May be there was communication gaps...may be we have made some mistakes. But it was too harsh a decision to accept for a country like us," observed the state minister, adding that he would now do whatever necessary to lift

Rahman, seemingly oblivious to the statutes of FIFA and AFC (Asian Football Confederation), also asked the media to come forward with ideas that would help him overcome the criss.

But when reminded that he could very well solve the problem by reinstating the elected committee that he dissolved on December

20, the sports boss went to play the evasive game

again, giving ambiguous reply.

Golam Faruque as the coach ahead

of experienced Dipu Rai Chowdhury

and Gavin Benjafield as the trainer.

The players have been asked

NAIMUR RAHMAN

report to at Bangabandhu National

44

25

43 0

15

82

12

11

0 32

0 39

0

Stadium at 11 am on Monday.

Edgar Gilbert Park, St. Kitts, Leewards.

Arnos Vale, St. Vincent, Windwards

National Cricket Stadium, St. Lucia

Airport Cricket Ground, Antigua, Leewards

pursuit of the ball during their respective practice sessions at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Sunday. Ray of hope for De Silva

INTERNET, Colombo

Veteran Sri Lankan batsman Aravinda de Silva has been handed a glimmer of hope that he may return to the national side

A brand new four-man selection committee is in place and at a recent meeting they made it clear that the 36-year-old would be considered for selection for Sri Lanka's tour of England starting in April.

The four national selectors were appointed on Thursday by the Sports Minister and, headed by former captain Michael Tissera. they made immediate contact with De Silva.

The player, whose short stature and wristy technique have taken him to 19 Test match centuries must, however, prove his fitness to physio Alex Kontouri by 31 March.

De Silva, who fell out of shape and out of favour when England won the Test series in Sri Lanka last year, intends to show his commitment by taking an active role in the ongoing domestic cricket season for his club Nondescripts CC.

The selectors believe that a fully fit De Silva, scorer of 5,952 runs in his 89 Test career, would be an asset to the squad during what could be a difficult early summer

But even if he does tour, De Silva may still struggle to claim a spot in the final eleven. Sri Lanka's settled top seven all

scored runs in recent series against India, West Indies and Zimbabwe. Sri Lanka are due to play three

Test matches and a one-day triseries including India during a two and a half month tour of England.

Anwar to keep on playing

Pakistan's veteran opening batsman Saeed Anwar has pledged to continue his career following speculation he could quit cricket to con-

Muslim, told this news agency: "I will only quit all cricket the day my

while I can do it with dignity. "I want to play in the next World

Speculation has been rife in Pakistan that the 33-year-old worldclass batsman, who has immersed himself in his faith and done some preaching of the Koran following the recent death of his baby daughter,

The chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) expressed concern that Anwar might be lost to the sport.

Anwar, who missed Pakistan's current tour of Bangladesh with a wrist injury that will also sideline him from a series against West Indies starting later this month, added: "Let us be clear -- being a practising Muslim does not mean you can't pursue your livelihood, which is cricket for me.

can't play cricket professionally and pursue religion at the same time. I am reading the Koran and preaching it in my spare time.

He said: "I have found solace in religion after the tragic death of my infant daughter a few months back. It was a shattering experience for

The left-handed Anwar has played 55 Tests and 230 one-day internationals, averaging more than 45 in the former and almost 40 in the

Pak fly to Ctg today Pakistan won the match in three

NO FIFA BAN ON THEM! (L) Goalkeeper (!) Wasim Akram of Pakistan grasps the ball while (R) Bangladesh forwards (!) Enamul Hoque and Aminul Islam are in

Cricket

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The Pakistan cricket team will fly to Chittagong this afternoon to play the second Test and the first oneday international against Bangladesh at the MA Aziz

The second Test begins in the port city on January 16 while the limited-overs match is scheduled for January 22.

The home team, however, will reach there on Tuesday morning.

Both the visitors and Bangladesh team had unscheduled trainning sessions at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Sunday, which was the supposed to be the final day of the first Test.

days by an innings and 178 runs. Pakistan coach Mudassar Nazar said that he needed another day

before announcing his squad for the

Chittagong Test. "We are still trying to get Wasim (Akram) fit for the match. He will undergo a fitness test on January 15. If he fails then Shoaib (Akhtar) has a good chance to play," he said

after the practice in the afternoon. Akram, who bowled less than three overs in the first Test before suffering a hamstring pull, also took part but not seriously.

The sultan of swing wearing baseball gloves, threw the ball to help wicketkeeper Rashid Latif hit into the slip cordon of Inzamamul Hag. Younis Khan. Abdur Razzak and Taufeeg Umar.

Meanwhile, the home team as

usual trained in the morning. The players were busy trying to

learn how to the spin of their nemesis Danish Kaneria. But the team management is yet

to name a replacement for Mohammad Ashraful. The righthander is due to fly to New Zealand on January 15 to join the Under-19 team in the World Youth Cup. It is certain that Ashraful will not

be considered for the second Test after a series of low scores. His place in the senior side is expected to be filled by Tushar Imran. Another young cricketer paceman Tareq Aziz Khan might play in the one-day series.

The young right-hander who was picked for the A team's tour of West Indies, might be involved in the oneday series as well and later join the Caribbean tour party.

Gough ready

REUTERS/INTERNET, Calcutta

England fast bowler Darren Gough

feels fit and raring to go for the one-

day series against India after taking

home and rested," England's lead-

ing one-day wicket-taker told report-

added: "I am fresh after the break

The 31-year-old Yorkshireman

"Playing in India is the biggest

"I am just glad that I spent time

a complete break from the game.

ers at Eden Gardens.

and enjoying my cricket.

BD U-19 in NZ

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh under-19 cricket team reached New Zealand on Sunday morning to take part in the ICC Under-19 World Cup. The 16-nation 19 and continue up to February 9 in

different parts of Auckland. Mohammad Ashraful, who played in the first Test, and SK Russell, a replacement for injured right-arm seamer Mashrafee-bin-Mortuza, will join the team in next

Bangladesh will play two practice matches before beginning their Group A round robin league campaign on January 20 against South Africa.

Match

Note: All the venues are in Auckland.

few days.

Group A: Bangladesh, Canada, India and South Africa.

Group D: Australia, Kenya, Scotland and West Indies.

Bangladesh v South Africa

Bangladesh v Canada

Bangladesh v India

Group B: New Zealand, Sri Lanka, Namibia and Zimbabwe

East Coast Bays v Bangladesh

Group C: Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, England and Nepal.

They will meet East Coast Boys in their first practice match at the DB Windsor Park in Auckland on January 16 and then face Suburbs New Lynn in their last match at the Cornwall Park on the following day.

Drafted in Group A along with strong South Africa, Canada and India, Bangladesh will play their next group match against Canada on January 22 at the Colin Maiden Park the venue where Bangladesh would face South Africa.

Bangladesh, who have played in both the previous Plate finals, will play their last match against India on January 24 at the North Harbour Stadium.

Top two teams from each groups will advance into the Super League while the two bottom-finishers will feature in the Plate championship.

challenge of my career. For that matter, it is the biggest challenge for any cricketer to beat India at home. He opted out of the three-Test series which ended last month after complaining that he was exhausted

after England's hectic recent schedule, including the 4-1 home Ashes series defeat by Australia. England arrived back in India on Friday after spending Christmas at home following their 1-0 Test series defeat, and the tourists held their

first training session on Saturday for the six-match series beginning at Eden Gardens on January 19. The 31-year-old Gough will be vying for places in the side with allrounder Andrew Flintoff and Andrew

Caddick, who also skipped the "It is good to have competition. It

is a challenge and I enjoy it," he said, adding that his record as England's highest one-day wicket-taker should be in his favour.

Dhaka skipper dazzles

DB Windsor Park No. 1

Colin Maiden Park No. 1

Colin Maiden Park No. 1

North Harbour Stadium

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

SPORTS REPORTER

SCHEDULE

Jan 16

Jan 17

Jan 20

Jan 22

Jan 24

ROBINI

PRACTICE MATCH

Runaway leaders Dhaka completed their rout over Sylhet with a 29-run victory in the limited-overs contest of the Ispahani National Cricket League at the Mymensingh Stadium on Sunday. Captain Naimur Rahman fash-

ioned the victory for the home team with a dazzling half-century. The dapper all-rounder celebrated his call up to the Bangladesh A team's tour of West Indies with a 72-ball 86 as the capital outfit, batting first after winning the toss, made 272 for nine in 50 overs.

Naimur, who was stripped of both the captaincy and a place in the national team last November, continued his rich vein of form as he hit seven savage hits across the rope.

His hurricane knock came after Sohel and Sajjad Ahmed Monsur put on 63 runs for the third wicket.

and Sajjad 63 off 89 balls. In reply, Sylhet could manage 243 before being all out with six balls yet The victory consolidated Dhaka's

Suburbs New Lynn v Bangladesh Cornwall Park No. 1

position at the top of the League table with 22 points, a massive lead of 14 points over second-placed Chittagong. Dhaka won the four-dayer by

seven wickets on Saturday. **SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard of the limited-overs

match of the Ispahani National Cricket League between Dhaka and Sylhet at Mymensingh Stadium on Sunday DHAKA Jahangir Ibw b Taposh

63

86

Rashedul c Hadi b Rezaul Sohel c Imon b Imtiaz Saiiad c Imon b Rezaul Mazharul c Taposh b Imtiaz Naimur run out Rafique Ibw b Taposh Neeyamur c Rana b Taposh Saiful not out Bikash c & b Mistu

Halim not out Extras: (b-5, lb-5, nb-11, w-4) Total: (For 9 wickets in 50 overs)272

Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-46, 3-109,

OMRW

4-123, 5-223, 6-244, 7-244, 8-258,

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Rajin c Jahangir b Saiful Aloke c & b Rafique Rana c Jahangir b Bikash Rezaul c Mazharul b Saiful Taposh c Sohel b Bikash Mistu not out Imon run out Extras: (b-6, lb-9, nb-3, w-13) Total: (All out in 49 overs)

Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-23, 3-45, 4-117, 5-201, 6-209, 7-211, 8-229 0 Bowler 9 41 Bikash 0 62 Neevamur 10 27 0 Siaful 10 Rafique

46 Naimur 10 Result: Dhaka won by 29 runs. Man-of-the-match: Naimur

sweep after losing the first two Tests aimed at containing runs rather than Cricket by an innings at Colombo and Kandy. taking wickets in the morning ses-Skipper Stuart Carlisle was batting on 13 and Trevor Gripper on three after their team had failed to Upul Chandana and Thilan restrict Sri Lanka to a modest total. Samaraweera added a record 146 Chandana and Samaraweera for the eighth wicket to put Sri Lanka thwarted Zimbabwe with their record in a strong position in the third and

partnership, which bettered the previous best of 117 between Mahela Jayawardene and Chaminda Vaas against South Africa in 2000.

Samaraweera, averaging 109.75 in his last seven Tests, maintained his run-spree with the third half-

century as he provided valuable support to Chandana. Both Chandana and Samaraweera, however, were not allowed to score freely as Zimbabwe

over the wicket and into the roughs and off-spinner Douglas Marillier

with a flurry of shots as he reached his maiden Test half-century with five boundaries He used his feet remarkably well

sion, which produced just 47 in 29 The pair initially struggled as leftarm spinner Grant Flower bowled

bowled to a packed leg-side field to deny the batsmen scoring opportuni-Chandana, who played his previous Test against South Africa at Colombo in August 2000, stepped up the run-rate in the post-lunch session

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REUTERS, Karachi

centrate on his faith.

Anwar, sporting a bushy beard and dressed as an orthodox reflexes slow down and bowlers can

"I will continue playing cricket Cup in South Africa.'

"This is a misconception that one

"But as a Pakistan cricketer, my commitment remains unstinted."

Sohel hammered a run-a-ball 55