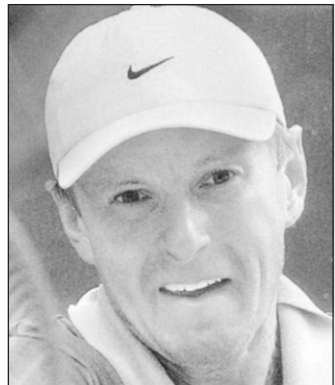




Did U Know?

In ancient Olympic Games only one race took place which was a sprint. Winner of that race used to receive an olive wreath as prize.



Yevgeny Kafelnikov
(Russian tennis star)
"Time is running away from me. I'll have plenty of golf when I retire."



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- How many double century stands do Hayden and Langer have?
5 43
- How many batsmen have played in 100 consecutive Tests?
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Women's chess Masuda top qualifier

UNB, Dhaka
Masuda Begum of Barisal emerged champion in the qualifying round of the 23rd National Women's Championship with six points at the end of the final round at the federation chess room yesterday.

Ex-skipper at a loss

Cricket
AFP, Chittagong

Bangladesh go into the final cricket Test against Pakistan here from Wednesday amid calls from former players and the media for new faces to stem an embarrassing losing streak.

Since gaining Test status two seasons ago, Bangladesh have lost nine of their 10 Tests, with a lone draw against Zimbabwe forced by the weather rather than any improved performance.

"We should bring juniors into the team," said former captain and respected commentator Roquibul

Hasan.

"They won't change the situation overnight, but can serve the team in the longer run."

Roquibul said the current team under Khaled Mashud was playing to its 'actual potential,' and he saw little hope of better results.

"Trying new players would help bring results in four or five years, so I must say it is not wise to look back and bank on the seniors," Hasan said.

Pakistan won the first Test at Dhaka by an innings and 178 runs inside three days and appear set to deal a similar blow in the second.

Faruque Ahmed, who led Bangladesh in the ICC Trophy tournament in 1994, said the atti-

tude of the current national team was 'awful.'

"Pakistan is one of the top teams of the world. So, I am not disappointed by the defeat but at the awful attitude of our cricketers," Faruque wrote in a local daily.

"It seems they have learnt nothing from their experience and I would suggest a total change of approach," he added.

"When would the jinx of failure come to an end?" screamed a headline in the Daily Janakatha.

There were reports that either Javed Miandad of Pakistan or Andy Roberts of the West Indies may replace present coach, Trevor Chappell of Australia, after the series ends.



Bangladesh batsmen (L-R) Javed Omar, Tushar Imran and Habibul Bashar doing some stretching during a training session at the MA Aziz Stadium yesterday.

Landslide SL victory

Cricket
AFP, Galle

A record-smashing Muttiah Muralitharan grabbed seven wickets in the day to help Sri Lanka crush Zimbabwe by 315 runs in the third and final Test here on Tuesday.

This was Sri Lanka's eighth successive Test victory, including 3-0 sweeps against the West Indies and Zimbabwe.

The tourists, set a stiff 395-run target, were shot out for 79 in their second innings on the penultimate day after off-spinner Muralitharan had become the youngest and quickest bowler to take 400 Test wickets.

Zimbabwe collapsed twice in the day against the hosts' double-spin attack to suffer their third successive defeat after losing the first two Tests by an innings in four days at

Colombo and Kandy.

The tourists lost 15 wickets on the fourth day, with Muralitharan taking seven, left-arm spinner Sanath Jayasuriya six and left-arm seamer Chaminda Vaas the last two.

Skipper Stuart Carlisle (28) and Douglass Marillier (15) were the only batsmen to reach double-figures in Zimbabwe's dismal batting performance in the second innings.

Muralitharan's unique feat also overshadowed skipper Jayasuriya's nine scalps in a Test, including the first five-wicket haul, and opener Marvan Atapattu's ninth century.

Atapattu scored a brisk unbeaten 100 to enable the hosts to declare their second innings closed at 212-2 off just 41 overs.

He struck 11 fours in his 126-ball knock and Kumar Sangakkara six boundaries and one six in his 56 as Sri Lanka flayed the Zimbabwean attack.

Muralitharan began it in the morning, taking three wickets in 5.3 overs to spark a sensational Zimbabwean collapse that saw the tourists lose their last five wickets for six runs after resuming at 230-5.

Zimbabwe were dismissed for 236 in reply to the hosts' 418 to concede a lead of 182 runs.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard at stumps on the fourth day of the third and final cricket Test between Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe at the Galle International Stadium on Tuesday:

SRI LANKA: First innings 418 (U. Chandana 92, T. Samaraweera 76, M. Jayawardene 76, M. Atapattu 50; D. Marillier 4-101).

ZIMBABWE: First innings (over-night 230-5)
Carlisle lbw b Muralitharan 64
Gripper st Sangakkara b Jayasuriya 83
Wishart lbw b Jayasuriya 1



Pakistan speedster Shoab Akhtar (C), attempting a catch while fielding in a slip cordon at the MA Aziz Stadium yesterday.

Murali joins the club

Cricket
AFP, Galle

Sri Lankan off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan on Tuesday added another milestone in his glittering career, becoming the youngest and quickest bowler to take 400 Test wickets.

The 29-year-old off-spinner achieved this distinction in the third and final Test against Zimbabwe here when he dismissed last-man Henry Olonga to reach the landmark.

Muralitharan finished with 5-67 to trigger a sensational Zimbabwean collapse on the fourth day, taking three of the last five wickets the tourists lost for six runs after resuming at 230-5.

New Zealander Richard Hadlee was the first and quickest to reach the 400-mark in 80 Tests, while the Sri Lankan did it in only 72 matches.

Muralitharan also surpassed Australian leg-spin wizard Shane Warne, who was aged 31 when he grabbed his 400th wicket against England at the Oval last year.

The Sri Lankan is the seventh bowler, and the first off-spinner, in

the elite 400-club after West Indian Courtney Walsh (519), India's Kapil Dev (434), Hadlee (431), Warne (430), Pakistan's Wasim Akram (414) and West Indian Curtly Ambrose (405).

Muralitharan's feat overshadowed left-arm spinner Jayasuriya's first five-wicket haul in Tests as

Zimbabwe faltered against the hosts' double spin attack in the morning session.

Muralitharan, requiring three more wickets to complete 400, struck first ball when he trapped Grant Flower (19) leg-before and then bowled Travis Friend and Olonga.



MAGICAL MOMENT: Sri Lankan spinner Muttiah Muralitharan (C) shows the ball to the crowd after capturing his 400th Test wicket during the fourth day of the third and final cricket Test against Zimbabwe at Galle yesterday. Muralitharan became the seventh bowler to achieve this feat in the 125-year history of Test cricket.

Three Pak ODI men due today

SPORTS REPORTER

Three Pakistan cricketers -- Shahid Afridi, Shoaib Malik and Azhar Mahmood -- will join the Pakistan team in Chittagong on Thursday to play in the three-match one-day series against hosts Bangladesh.

The trio is expected to arrive in Dhaka today and reach the port city on the following day, revealed Pakistan team manager Yawar Saeed at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong yesterday.

They would replace Danish Kaneria, Faisal Iqbal and Mohammad Sami in the 14-man Test team.

Danish, Sami and Iqbal will leave for Pakistan at the end of Test series.

Nat'l League resumes

SPORTS REPORTER

The Ispahani National Cricket League resumes today with leaders Dhaka hosting Barisal at Faridpur.

Second-placed Chittagong will travel to Rajshahi to play their second away match. And Khulna host Sylhet at Jessore.

But Dhaka will be without their in-form captain Naimur Rahman, who has been picked for the Bangladesh A team's tour of the West Indies.

The port city team are also going miss their captain Akram Khan for the same reason.

Schools cricket Dhaka zone matches start today

SPORTS REPORTER

The Dhaka Metropolitan Zone matches of the Standard Chartered 20th National Cricket Championship begin today.

One hundred teams split into six groups are taking part in the knock-out first phase from where the four top finishers will advance into the 16-team final round.

Defending champions BKSP and runners-up AK High School of Manikganj are automatically qualifiers for the final round that will also feature top two finishers from Dhaka, Rajshahi, Chittagong and Khulna divisions and the winners of Sylhet and Barisal.

Four matches will be held on the opening day.

Keya Kindergarten take on Dholaiarp High School at the Dhanmondi Club ground, Islami Adarsha School will be up against Motijheel High School at Polytechnic Institute ground, Govt. Laboratory vie against MDC Model Institute at Mirpur Outer Stadium and Monipur High School face Dhaka Blue Sky Pre-Cadet School a

It's all about balls Cricket's gynae problem

AFSAN CHOWDHURY

So we have this major earth-shattering discovery that gynae-cologists have been hired for the national cricket team. This is actually beyond my understanding so I go my all knowing neighbour to be enlightened. He shakes his head sadly.

"These journalists, they have spilled a major secret. I wonder what UN Gender fund will say now."

"What do you mean?"

"There has always been gynae-cologists in the team...."

"You mean..."

"Yes, of course. Our cricket players have all been women since we began playing. That's why they have been too shy to make runs."

"You mean our captain Khaled Mashud Pilot..."

"You mean Khaleda Khanum Air-hostess..."

"But why is he going to a gynae..."

"Because he has problems with his... I mean her reproductive system. Team can't deliver runs."

"I see... Akram Khan always looked very pregnant to me..."

"You mean Akram-un-nessa? She is a happy mother of two now. But she has passed the productive age... now menopause and all that..."

"What about Durjoy?"

"You mean Bijoya?"

"Enamul Haq Moni?"

"Monica-binte-Lewinsky?"

"But what is the medical problem of the team?"

"Co-ordinated and uncontrolled menstruation preventing effective running between the wickets and slipping catches..."

"That's why they go for the wild

shots?"

"Ah, mother nature..."

"But now that the news is out what shall we do?"

"Well, the sponsors have backed out. It's no longer soft drinks but sanitary pads..."

"Lady-Care Cricket Series?"

"Right, you got it. As soon as Mosammat Dastagir Khanam of Chittagong gives us the go ahead we can see things up."

"So no more problems?"

"Only one. It's the Pakistan side..."

"They are also women?"

"No, their wives are... the wives won't let them play against women. They have themselves decided to play our ladies team..."

"What about the Finance minister?"

"She is not interested in cricket at all!"

Kiwis crumble

Cricket
AFP, Hobart

South Africa surged to the top of the tri-nations one-day table after beating New Zealand by 26 runs at Bellerive Oval here Tuesday.

The Proteas repeated the outstanding form they displayed when they beat World Cup champions Australia Sunday to emerge with two wins from their first two games in the 190,000 dollar (95,000 US) competition.

New Zealand are in second spot with one win from two matches, while the stunned home nation languish at the bottom, having been beaten by the two others teams.

South Africa cruised home in Hobart, making 257 for seven wickets before restricting New Zealand to 231 for nine.

South Africa reaped a reward from gambling on taking only five bowlers and no spinner into the match.

The move looked risky as New Zealand began well in their long chase. But thanks largely to a fiery spell by paceman Makhaya Ntini (2-36 from 10 overs), the New Zealand challenge faltered and collapsed.

The South African cause was also helped by a controversial decision that enabled wicketkeeper Mark Boucher to survive a return catch and then harm the opposition with a thunderous final over of hitting.

South Africa, batting first after skipper Shaun Pollock won the toss, were given a solid 82-run opening stand by Gary Kirsten and Herschelle Gibbs.

When Gibbs was out for 36, Boeta Dippenaar (37) and Kirsten put on a further 75 and at one point

the Proteas were a handsome 157 for one at five runs an over.

Man-of-the-match Kirsten was run out for 97 as the Kiwis, with spinner Daniel Vettori taking 2-37 the most effective strike force, applied pressure.

Boucher, on eight, had the great fortune to be given not out by umpire Daryl Harper after hitting what TV replays showed clearly was a return catch to medium-pacer Chris Cairns.

Boucher celebrated the let-off by belting Shane Bond deliveries for two sixes in the final over, finishing with an unbeaten 30 which put important sheen on the innings.

New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming would not comment after stand by Gary Kirsten and Herschelle Gibbs.

Pollock said such controversies should be referred to the third umpire -- a step on-field umpires cannot take under current rules.

New Zealand's reply was built around Fleming's 85.

He had solid partnerships with Lou Vincent (23) and Craig McMillan (36) and at 152 for two New Zealand were in the hunt.

But Ntini, gaining menacing movement off the pitch, struck two crucial blows, and was unlucky not to have even better figures.

Veteran Allan Donald wrecked the tail, taking 3-40 from his 10 overs.

Adam Parore and Bond hit out happily in the last two overs to make the margin closer than had seemed likely -- but all to no avail.

Pollock said the bowling gamble was taken when top all-rounder Jacques Kallis was ruled out with an injured ankle.

He said it would have been better to have an extra bowler and admitted that in the middle of the innings he was wondering who else he could use in his attack.



Pakistan skipper Waqar Younis (R), taking a break with teammates (L-R) Abdur Razaq, Wasim Akram and Inzamamul Haq during net practice at the MA Aziz Stadium yesterday.