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Some catches are made by fielders who know very little about it. During the second Test at Kanpur in 1959, Neil Harvey of Australia caught Nari Contractor off a ball he never saw. He was fielding at short leg when the Indian pulled a delivery from Alan Davidson in his direction. Harvey turned his back and ducked, and the ball stuck between his thighs.



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Muttiah Muralitharan
(Ace Sri Lankan off-spinner)
"If I remain fit and keep performing well then I can continue for another five years and get 600 wickets."
After joining the elite 400-wicket club in Test last week.

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Waqar Younis Danish Kaneria Abdur Razzak
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Although the picture shows that Yousuf Youhana is playing forward defensive, it, in fact, was not the case with the star Pakistani batsman. Youhana took Bangladesh bowlers to the sword, striking 34 fours and two sixers on way to a career-best 204 not out on the third day of the Chittagong Test at the MA Aziz Stadium on Friday.

ODI squad announced Tareq in, Hasibul out

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The national selectors have announced a squad of 14 for the three one day internationals against Pakistan, first of which is scheduled at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong on January 22.

There was just one change in the squad that was selected for the Test series against the tourists. Right arm paceman Hasibul Hossain is out of the team. He has been replaced by local boy Tareq Aziz Khan, who took ten wickets against Dhaka in the opening match of National Cricket League for Chittagong with his medium fast bowling.

Bangladesh manager Shafiqul Haq Hira confirmed this at the MA Aziz Stadium on Friday afternoon.

Meanwhile, Pakistan have already brought in Shahid Afridi, Azhar Mahmood and Shoaib Malik to reinforce their side for the one-dayers. The trio replaced Danish Kaneria, Mohammad Sami and Faisal Iqbal.

The team Pakistan management also confirmed that star batsman Inzamamul Haq's chances of returning home to attend his ailing father was very slim as the condition of Haq Senior was improving.

Bangladesh team will have a practice session at the MA Aziz Stadium on Saturday morning while their mighty opponents have planned an outing.

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Bangladesh: Khaled Mashud (cap

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HASAN MASOOD from Chittagong

The Pakistan cricket team will get roughly 48 hours to relax at home after their Bangladesh tour before they fly off to the neutral venue of Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) for the Test series against the West Indies.

The visitors will take a plane to Karachi from Dhaka on the morning of January 26 and then head for the Gulf state on the 28th evening for the two-Test series and three one-day internationals against the Caribbean, according to team manager Yawar Saeed on Friday.

The first Test, which will baptise Sharjah as the world's 83rd Test venue, will start from January 25.

Although Saeed did not disclose the team for the series, it could be gathered from sources close the Pakistan camp that team management will stick to the same side that arrived in Bangladesh for the Tests on January 2.

YOUHANA'S INSPIRATION!

With his career best 204 not out, Pakistan middle order Yousuf Youhana became richer by 2,50,000 (2.5 lakh) Pakistan rupees, an incentive offered by Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) to anyone scoring a double hundred.

Pakistani TV commentator Chisty Mujahid gave this information to the anglo-Indian media during the lunch interval on the third day of the second Test.

According to Chisty, it was a policy of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) to offer cash incentives to inspire its cricketers to perform well.

Pakistani players scoring a hundred or taking five wickets in an innings are also entitled to Rs 1,00,000 (one lakh), added Chisty.

TOURISTS NOT INTERSETERED

The Pakistan team has declined to play a benefit match on Sunday against a local selection as proposed by the CJKS (Chattagram Jela Krira Sangstha) officials in a desperate move to make up some of their financial losses after the second Test ended with two days remaining.

According to Salman Ispahani, the MD of Ispahani Group and a life member of CJKS, the match could not be organised as the Pakistanis were not willing to risks any injuries before their important Test series against the West Indies.

Besides, the tourists appear more interested in enjoying a rare two-day vacation at either the seaside resort of Cox's Bazar or the coral island of Saint Martin's.

FACING THE MUSIC!

The Bangladesh cricket team, with

another innings defeat looming, had a bitter experience when they came out to the ground for a photo session during the lunch break on Friday.

With the scoreboard reading 39 for three, the frustrated home crowd at the nearby stands began teasing captain Khaled Mashud and company.

"Have some shame! Don't you guys feel bad posing for photographs?" said a local cricket buff from the gallery with a voice that could easily challenge the Public Address (PA) system of the stadium.

The cricketers and their coach Trevor Chappell, tried their best to ignore the verbal bombs being thrown at them and hurried back to the dressing room as soon as the session was over.

LATIF'S HATRICK!

Pakistan wicketkeeper Rashid Latif became a proud father of three when his wife gave birth to a baby daughter in Karachi on Wednesday.

Talking to this reporter, Latif, the former Pakistan captain who led his country in the Independence Cup in Dhaka in January 1998, said it was his second daughter.

Latif, also informed that both the daughter and her mother were fine and he was eager to see them.

"Hopefully I will meet them on January 26 when to go back home for couple of days," said Latif.

Patience missing, pressure mounting



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surprising that we are getting beaten quite easily by the very good sides," he said.

After Bangladesh collapsed to Pakistan by an innings and 169 runs in less than three days yesterday, the youngest of three Chappell brothers grimly admitted that they

in the right place to exploit that weakness.

"What we have got to learn as batsman is mainly the patience. Batsmen are falling into the trap set by the opposition too easily. I think they appreciate that."

The coach pointed out that his batsmen failed, maybe, because good bowlers were bowling to them.

These bowlers have taken more

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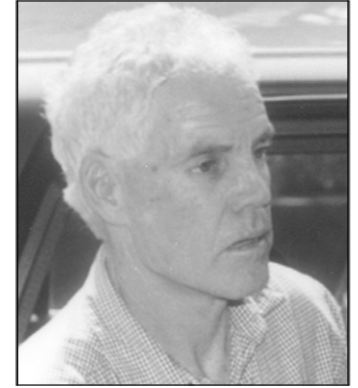
Bangladesh coach Trevor Chappell blamed his batsmen for pathetic performance in Test cricket and said that unless the batters understand the importance of being patient in the game, poor results would follow them like shadow.

Trevor, who came under tremendous pressure following his charges' successive defeats inside three days in the last four matches, also regretted that too much pressure are being put on his players for debacles, often unjustly.

He also took a swipe at the media for not making constructive criticism. He observed that media is expecting too much from a side that have entered the Test arena only a year back.

Trevor, who took over the national team last March, said that some media reports had attracted his attention and he thought few were not right.

"Ah... I think you guys seemingly do not really understand the difference between the opposition we are playing and the standard of Bangladesh. It's not probably that



TREVOR CHAPPELL

were all tuned to pressure now. "We all are under pressure at the moment. The players are under pressure, I am feeling the pressure and I am sure the BCB is also under pressure," said the Australian who has a contract with the Board until June with the provision for an extension.

Jahangir on song

ISPANHANI MIRZAPORE TEA 3rd National Cricket League

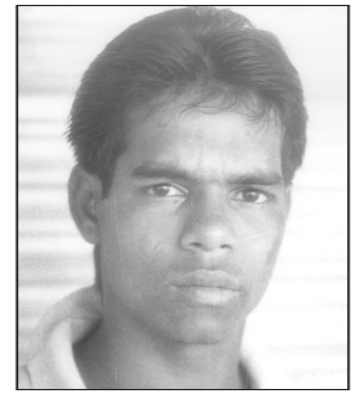
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Former national opener Jahangir Alam struck a masterly century to power Dhaka to an emphatic 102-run win over Barisal in the limited-overs match of the Ispahani National Cricket League at the Faridpur Stadium yesterday.

The experienced right-hander scored 104 with the help of 12 boundaries as Dhaka, sent into bat, piled up 272 before being all out with two balls to spare in the 50-over contest.

In reply, Barisal were bundled out for 170 in 47.4 overs. It was Dhaka's third win from four games in the limited-overs competition. They are also leading the longer version level with four straight wins. The runaway leaders handed Barisal a nine-wicket defeat on the second day on Thursday.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard of the limited-overs match of the National Cricket League between Dhaka and Barisal



JAHANGIR ALAM

Rafique c Shahnewaz b Imran 15
Neeyamur c sub b Ashfaq 44
S Kadir c Shaheen b Sayem 25

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BANGLADESH-PAKISTAN SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard of the Coca-Cola second Test between Bangladesh and Pakistan on the third day at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong on Friday:

BANGLADESH: First innings 148 all out in 56.4 overs (Khaled Mashud 28, Aminul Islam 25; Saqlain Mushtaq 5-35, Danish Kaneria 4-62)

PAKISTAN:	First	Second	Over	Run	Wicket	Balls	4s	6s
Taufeeq Umar	c Aminul	b Mohammad Sharif	47	133	106	8	0	0
Shadab Kabir	c K. Mashud	b Mohammad Sharif	4	23	11	1	0	0
Younis Khan	c Mehrab	b Fahim Muntasir	119	270	217	20	0	0
Inzamamul Haq	c Aminul	b Fahim Muntasir	30	94	66	3	1	0
Yousuf Youhana	not out		204	325	243	34	2	0
Abdur Razzak	b Mohammad Sharif		18	52	39	4	0	0
Rashid Latif	b Monjurul Islam		15	40	27	3	0	0
Waqar Younis	c Mehrab	b Fahim Muntasir	10	22	13	1	1	0
Saqlain Mushtaq	c Aminul	b Mohammad Sharif	7	105	72	0	0	0
Shoaib Akhtar	c Sanwar	b Monjurul Islam	2	13	10	0	0	0
Danish Kaneria	not out		4	25	9	1	0	0
Extras:	(w-1, nb-4)			5				

Total: (For 9 wickets declared in 134.5 overs, 557 minutes) 465
Fall of wickets: 1-12 (Kabir), 2-99 (Umar), 3-166 (Inzamam), 4-236 (Younis), 5-274 (Razzak), 6-315 (Latif), 7-339 (Waqar), 8-438 (Saqlain), 9-447 (Shoaib)

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Monjurul Islam	35	9	95	2
Mohammad Sharif	35.5	10	98	4
Enamul Hoque	33	6	114	0
Fahim Muntasir	27	3	131	3
Aminul Islam	4	0	27	0

BANGLADESH: Second innings
Javed Omar c Rashid Latif b Waqar Younis 0 3 4 0 0
Al Shahrari c Rashid Latif b Waqar Younis 8 38 17 1 0
Mehrab Hossain c Rashid Latif b Waqar Younis 14 30 21 3 0
Aminul Islam b Shoaib Akhtar 2 27 15 0 0
Habibul Bashar c Shadab Kabir b Saqlain Mushtaq 51 77 49 9 0
Sanwar Hossain c Younis Khan b Saqlain Mushtaq 30 81 62 3 0
Khaled Mashud not out 15 63 40 3 0
Enamul Hoque b Shoaib Akhtar 9 27 27 2 0
Fahim Muntasir b Shoaib Akhtar 2 2 2 0 0
Mohammad Sharif b Shoaib Akhtar 0 2 3 0 0
Monjurul Islam c Shadab Kabir b Waqar Younis 0 4 1 0 0
Extras: (b-8, lb-1, nb-8) 17

Total: (All out in 38.5 overs, 181 minutes) 148
Fall of wickets: 1-0 (Omar), 2-23 (Mehrab), 3-24 (Al Shahrari), 4-41 (Aminul), 5-110 (Bashar), 6-128 (Sanwar), 7-144 (Enamul), 8-147 (Muntasir), 9-147 (Sharif), 10-148 (Monjurul)

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Waqar Younis	8.5	0	36	4
Shoaib Akhtar	11	1	48	4
Saqlain Mushtaq	11	3	34	2
Abdur Razzak	2	0	12	0
Danish Kaneria	6	3	9	0

Result: Pakistan won by an innings and 169 runs and clinch the series 2-0.
Man-of-the-match: Yousuf Youhana.
Man-of-the-series: Danish Kaneria.
Umpires: Mahbubur Rahman (Bangladesh) and Russel Tiffin (Zimbabwe).
TV umpire: Monjur Rahman (Bangladesh); **Match referee:** Brian Hastings (New Zealand).
Toss: Bangladesh.



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Pakistan captain Waqar Younis suggested that Bangladesh should initially play with relatively weaker sides rather than the strongest teams in order to build up confidence in top class cricket.

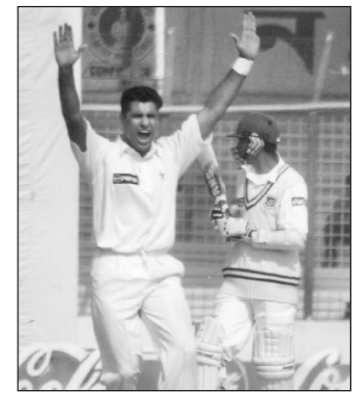
The fast bowler, who took twelve wickets in the two-match series, observed this after his team's second successive win by an innings at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong yesterday.

Waqar, who took 344 wickets in 76 Test matches, however, could not name any suitable country for Bangladesh other than Zimbabwe.

"You see, if you keep on losing like this, your team will lose their appetite for the game. That's why it's better to begin with some less stronger opponents," said Waqar, adding that the Test newcomers would gradually improve their confidence before they face teams like

Australia, South Africa, Pakistan and India.

"We had been saying that the Bangladeshis are little bit inexperienced and they proved it right. It's not their fault. What I have been saying is that they are very new in Test cricket. So, it will take lot of time to go up from this stage," he said.



WAQAR ... 5-wkt match haul

About the weaknesses he spot-

ted in opponent batsmen, Waqar said the Bangladeshis batters were very fond of playing too much shots too early.

"Yes, they look sort of flashy outside the off-stump which actually gives me a chance to take some wickets. Because, if I bowl outside the off-stump they would love to drive invariably. I think, it's pretty tough when the ball is swinging outside."

Waqar however praised the Bangladesh pacers for bowling nicely within their limitations.

"I think the bowlers did a pretty good job. They bowled good line and length. Specially, I would love to mention the name of Mohammad Sharif and the left arm seamer (Monjurul Islam)," he said.

His Bangladesh counterpart Khaled Mashud meanwhile replayed his old sayings.

"We need more time to improve. We are under a lot of pressure and guys are tired of playing cricket for the last three months," said the Bangladesh captain without giving any idea on how he was planning to buck up the spirit of his team.

Football for friendship

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represented 38 nations.

The day long festival was split into three leagues according to the ages of the children.

They were the under-8, 8-11 and 11-13 respectively.

Meteorites of France defeated American Cobras 2-1 to win the first group.

The Meteorites had earlier

knocked out the slum children's team of Aparajeyo Bangladesh 1-0 in the semifinals.

The local non-government organisation also saw their other selection -- the street kids -- crash out 3-0 to eventual winners Korean School's Cobras in the semis of the 8-11 age-group.

The British schoolchildren later lifted the title beating American International School (D) United.

The final group was won by Korean side DJ Shacks 3-1 against the American School's second team.

Earlier, in the morning, French Ambassador to Bangladesh, Michel Laumaux, inaugurated the fun-filled occasion with a simple kick-off.

After the French national flag was hoisted a group of kids sang the country's national anthem.

To get the ball rolling the British High Commission won the 'battle of embassies' with a convincing 3-1 victory against the French.

Besides, in another interesting friendly the teachers of the hosts prevailed 2-1 over the parents.

Both the local teams displayed excellent attacking football against their fancied opponents. In one match, one of the Aparajeyo teams scored so many goals that it was hard to keep count.

None of the teams received any coaching prior to the event, said Laurent le Danois, Country Delegate of Terre des hommes.

"Winning is not everything. The idea of the competition is foster friendly relations with all children regardless of caste, creed or colour," said Larent.

What was amazing about the local teams was the attitude. As soon as the games were over the players started to practise in an adjacent field.



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The boys of Aparajeyo Bangladesh selection launching another raid on their opponents half (above) while some tiny-tots having fun during the international children's friendship football event in the city yesterday.