



## Did U Know?

In basketball the 'baseline shot' is a misnomer. There is no base line on a basketball court. It's called an end line. Base lines occur on tennis courts.



## Javed Miandad

(Pakistani cricket legend) "Every team has taken time to settle down and prove its worth after gaining Test status but the Bangladesh team, I am afraid, have not taken their Test status seriously. They have to start showing some signs of improvement at the Test level in their next few matches or I am afraid the ICC will come under pressure."



## What to Watch

- ESPN**
  - English Premier Football League
  - West Ham United vs Chelsea
  - 9:00 am
  - Arsenal vs Leeds United
  - 11:00 am
  - South Africa vs Australia
  - Sixth ODI
  - 2:30 pm
  - Sportscentre Hindi
  - Sport News
  - Live at 8:30 pm
  - Cricket Programming
  - Super Selector
  - 9:00 pm
- STAR Sports**
  - Australian Open
  - Men/Women Fourth Round
  - Live at 6:00 am
  - Sportsline Today
  - Sport News
  - Live at 12:00 pm
  - Trans World Sport
  - Int'l Sports News
  - 1:00 pm
  - Cricket Programming
  - Super Selector
  - 6:30 pm
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  - Cricket Talk Show
  - 8:30 pm
  - Sportsline Tonight
  - Sport News
  - Live at 10:30 pm

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- How many Test matches did Muttiah Muralitharan play to take 400 wickets?  
98      78      72
- Who won the Sydney Int'l tennis title?  
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- What was the result of the Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe Test series?  
2-1      2-0      3-0
- Who won the man-of-the-match award in the first Test between Bangladesh and Pakistan?  
Waqar Younis    DanishKhania    Abdur Razzaq
- Who clinched Kooyong Int'l tennis title?  
Agassi    Hewitt    Sampras

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# Wasim's final test today



HASAN MASOOD from Chittagong

All but Wasim Akram of Pakistan team practised at the MA Aziz Stadium yesterday.

The 36-year-old fast bowler appears not to have fully recovered from the hamstring injury he suffered on the first day of the first Test at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on January 9. Wasim, travelling with the team and doing socialisation for the past few days, faces a fitness test today before the Pakistan team management takes a final decision on the lethal left-amer.

"He will face test tomorrow (Monday) and if he can not make it, he will be sent back home without having considered for the remaining two matches," said Pakistan coach Musaddasr Nazir.

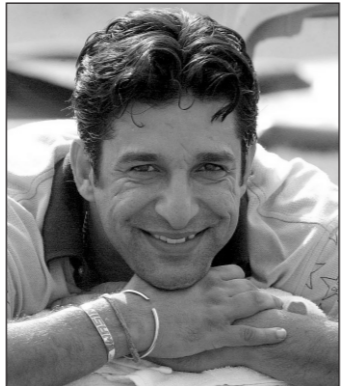
Wasim could bowl only 2.4 overs before limping off the field in Dhaka Test.

Talking to the press after nets, Nazir also said that the team management wanted to give some more rest before playing him in any match.

Another source close to the Pakistan team confirmed the team management was set to rule Wasim

out for the three-match one-day series and the fitness test was only a formality.

Nazir also seriously doubted the remark made by former Pakistan captain and coach Javed Miandad to Reuters on Saturday along with some other former players about Bangladesh's poor performance in Test cricket.



WASIM AKRAM

"Bangladesh have to give more creditable performance at the Test level or the ICC will soon come under pressure to review its decision to give them Test status," Reuters quoted Miandad from Karachi.

Miandad also said that

Bangladesh did not take the Test series and the fitness test was only a formality.

"I can't believe this. Javed can not said this. He has worked with Bangladesh team for a brief period last year. I don't buy this," said Nazir, who has happened to be the first foreign coach of Bangladesh cricket team.

Nazir meanwhile disclosed that he would not go for any sort of experiment in his team while facing Bangladesh in the ODIs.

"You see, one-day game is a crazy affair where you don't have any chance to rectify your faults and come back like you can do in a five-day match. Besides, the defeat at the 1999 World Cup still haunts us. So, we are going to take this game very seriously like we do against any opponent," said Nazir.

Bangladesh defeated Pakistan by 62 runs during the World Cup in England.

Nazir said he would stick to the new opening pair of Naved Latif and Shahid Afridi against Bangladesh as the duo did pretty well in the tri-nation tournament in Sharjah a few months back.

Nazir, however, declined to say anything more about the playing eleven.

On the other hand, Bangladesh team took a break from cricket on Sunday. They would get their final homework done before Tuesday's encounter.

## Bashar out of action

SPORTS REPORTER

Country's top batsman Habibul Bashar has been ruled out of the three-match Coca-Cola Series one-day series between Bangladesh and Pakistan, starting at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong tomorrow.

Bashar injured his left thumb during the second Test here on Thursday.

An X-ray report on Sunday showed that the dashing right-hander had broken his thumb and was advised to take three-week's rest.

The news came as a big blow for the demoralised Bangladesh team, which suffered a white-wash in the two-Test series.

The batting mainstay of Bangladesh has eight Test half centuries and one century to his credit.

## Women's chess

SPORTS REPORTER

IWM Rani Hamid of Biman took the solo lead with maximum 4 points at the end of the 4th round in the Confidence Cement 23rd National Women Chess Championship yesterday.

Rani beat Feroza Haque Chowdhury Poppy at the Chess Federation auditorium. Syeda Shabana Parveen Nipa of Al-Baraka Bank is in the second position with 3.5 points while Afroza Khanam Bably of Ansar occupies the third place.

The 5th round starts from 2:30 pm at the same venue today.

## Div II soccer

## City beat S'nagar

SPORTS REPORTER

The domestic football season kicked off with the Second Division League on Sunday.

City Club won the opening match against Shantinagar 2-0 at the Sher-e-Bangla Mirpur National Stadium.

Mannan gave the promoted side a 23rd minute lead and Rashed sealed the fate of the match adding the second in the 53rd minute. Eighteen teams are taking part in the League, which has been suspended for the last two years.

## Fed-Ex b'ball

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Rifles, Bangladesh Police and Army School of Physical Training Sports won their respective matches in the Fed-Ex Victory Day Basketball tournament at the Dhanmondi Basketball Gymnasium on Sunday.

Rifles crushed Wraith Team 144-58 after dominating the first half 85-22. Atiqur caged 39, Manjil 30 and Bipul 28 for the winners while Nabil and Hasan managed 23 and 12 respectively for the losers.

Police defeated Bakshibazar Club by 73-59 points after finishing the first half 25-25.

The Army's side beat Blazers 82-55 after leading the first half 45-29.

## Pakistan want compensation

REUTERS, Karachi

Pakistan want compensation from the International Cricket Council (ICC) after being forced to play their upcoming home Test and one-day series against West Indies in Sharjah.

"We will take up the issue of compensation at the ICC's Executive Board meeting in March," Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Tauqir Zia told this news agency. "We feel that the ICC should look into compensating us for having to play our home series at a neutral venue."

The two-Test series and three one-day internationals will take place in Sharjah after the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) refused to send their team to Pakistan because of security concerns due to the political situation in Afghanistan and rising Indo-Pakistan border tensions.

When the first Test in Sharjah starts on January 31 it will be only the third instance this century of neither team in a Test match playing at home.

## Annual sports

PRESS RELEASE, Dhaka

The 42nd annual sports competition of Dhaka Residential Model College will be held from January 21 to 25 at the college ground.

Col Md Mosharraf Hossain, principal of the college, will inaugurate the five-day meet.

# BD youths clobbered



SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh's youths suffered a massive 110-run defeat against South Africa in their opening Group A match at the ICC Under-19 World Cup at the Colin Maiden Park in Auckland on Sunday.

The youths of the newest Test playing nation, chasing a fighting South African total of 252, were bundled out for 142 in 46.2 overs.

Nafis Iqbal's side failed to put up a fight despite a valiant half-century by opener Aftab Ahmed.

The right-hander scored 79 off 123 balls. It included eight boundaries and a six.

But unfortunately he found no support at the other end.

Hasibul Haq was the only other batsman to reach double figures with 23.

However, Test cricket's youngest centurion on debut Ashraf, continued his miserable run of form being dismissed for a first-ball duck.

Captain Nafis also failed with the bat making just eight.

While the batsmen showed their lack of depth against the South African attack, the bowlers managed to restrict their mighty opponents to a somewhat reasonable total.

Returning from a long injury, Talha Jubair was the most successful bowler for Bangladesh.

The right-arm paceman took two wickets for 36 runs.

His lanky new-ball partner Shafaq al Zahir, although wicketless, proved most economical with figures of 9-3-35-0.

Earlier, South Africa, one of the seeded teams in the tournament, rode on a fine 103 from Stephen Cook, son of former Test opener Jimmy.

He shared 138 runs for the first wicket with Jacobs, who struck 76.

Bangladesh will play Canada tomorrow while their last match is against defending champions India on January 24.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Under-19 ICC World Cup match between Bangladesh and South Africa at the Colin Maiden Park in Auckland on Sunday:

| SOUTH AFRICA                   |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| Jacobs c and b Ashraf          | 76  |
| Cook b Talha                   | 103 |
| Amla c Aftab b Talha           | 53  |
| Bailey not out                 | 4   |
| Smith run out (Wassel)         | 2   |
| De Kok not out                 | 1   |
| Extras: (lb-3, w-7, nb-3)      | 13  |
| Total: (For 4 wks in 50 overs) | 252 |

Fall of wickets: 1-138, 2-243, 3-246, 4-249

| Bowler     | O   | M | R  | W |
|------------|-----|---|----|---|
| Reddy      | 10  | 5 | 22 | 3 |
| McLaren    | 8   | 2 | 22 | 1 |
| Kleinveldt | 10  | 0 | 34 | 2 |
| Smith      | 5   | 0 | 13 | 0 |
| Khan       | 10  | 1 | 38 | 1 |
| Bailey     | 3.2 | 1 | 5  | 3 |

Result: South Africa Under-19s won by 110 runs.

Man-of-the-match: B Reddy.

Umpires: B Bowden (NZ) and EAR de Silva (SL).

Match Referee: J Reid (NZ).

# Minnows mauled



AFP, Dunedin

Australia cruised to a record-breaking 430-run victory over Kenya in their opening match of the ICC Under-19s World Cup in Dunedin Sunday.

Centuries from Craig Simmons and Shaun Marsh enabled Australia to record the highest ever innings total in an Under-19s World Cup match when they made 480-6 from their 50 overs.

The Australians hit 21 sixes and 40 fours as the Kenyan attack was ripped to shreds in the group D encounter.

Opener Simmons top scored with 155 from 115 balls striking 12 fours and 11 sixes with Marsh, son of former Australia Test opener Geoff, making 125, hitting 12 fours and four sixes in his 98 ball innings.

Kenya had earlier won the toss and invited Australia to bat first on an excellent pitch -- a decision which they were soon to regret.

Australia lost opener Jarrad Burke for 45 but a third wicket partnership of 168 between Marsh and Simmons enabled their side to build a commanding score. A rapid 56 from George Bailey and 38 from captain Cameron White compounded Kenya's misery.

The Kenyan bowlers will not be asking for framed copies of the

scorebook with their bowling figures reading like a horror story.

Nehemiah Ochiambo conceded 97 runs from 10 overs, although he can take some consolation from the fact he finished with three wickets.

Jadavji Bhinyi was hit for 95 runs from nine overs, and Ragheb Aga 78 off eight overs.

The Kenyans fared little better with the bat with their innings coming to an end on 50-9 with wicketkeeper Morris Ouma retired hurt due to a groin injury.

Number 11 batsman Alfred Luseno top scored with 18 as just two batsmen reached double figures.

Australia took two wickets in the second over when Robert Cassell removed Manoj Patel and Anand Gore with consecutive deliveries.

Kenya were reduced to 19-6 as Cassell took 3-7 and Aaron Bird 3-15.

When last man Luseno was dismissed the Kenyan innings had lasted a sorry 81 minutes and they had slipped to the heaviest defeat in an Under-19s World Cup for a team batting second.

Elsewhere on the second day of the competition the weather again played a part with the start of the matches between Bangladesh and South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia, and Pakistan and Papua New Guinea all delayed by rain.

In a match reduced to 32 overs per side Namibia were dismissed for 111 by Zimbabwe who got home losing just the one wicket with Charles Coventry hitting 64 from 58

balls.

In Group C Pakistan's encounter with Papua New Guinea was reduced to 27 overs per side but it hardly made a difference as Pakistan dismissed their opponents for just 53.

Opening bowler Umer Gul took 4-11 from six overs but Pakistan lost two wickets before sealing victory.

On Monday in Group A holders India play their first match when they meet Canada at Colin Maiden Park in Auckland, England play Nepal at Lincoln Green in Christchurch, New Zealand and Zimbabwe meet at the Bert Sutcliffe Oval also in Christchurch, and Scotland take on the West Indies in Dunedin.

## SCORE SUMMARIES

Group B, at Christchurch: Namibia: 111 all out (M Greeff 29; T Taibu 3-14; W Mwayenga 2-27); Zimbabwe: 113 for one (C Coventry 64; H Gledenhuys 1-27).

Result: Zimbabwe beat Namibia by nine wickets.

Group C, at Christchurch: Papua New Guinea: 53 all out (W Harry 14; W Mula 13; U Gul 6-4).

Pakistan: 54 for two (K Sajid 13no, A Butt 14no).

Result: Pakistan won by eight wickets.

Group D, at Dunedin: Australia: 480 for six (C Simmons 155, S Marsh 125, G Bailey 56).

Kenya: 50-9 (R Cassell 3-7, A Bird 3-15).

Result: Australia beat Kenya by 430 runs.

# Hosts' account open



AFP, Brisbane

Australia ended a three-match losing streak to beat South Africa by 27 runs in a crucial tri-nations series match here Sunday with Damien Martyn smashing his third one-day international ton.

After batting first and making 241 for four wickets, Australia dismissed South Africa for 214 with 14 balls left.

The win at the Gabba ground puts the World Cup limited-overs champions firmly back in the race for the title in the 190,000 dollar (95,000 US) tournament.

After each country has played four matches, New Zealand lead with three wins, followed by South Africa (two) and Australia (one).

Each country plays four more qualifying matches before the best-of-three finals early February.

It was South Africa's second successive defeat after they had lost to New Zealand Saturday.

South Africa made a bright start to their chase as Herschelle Gibbs and Gary Kirsten collected 34 runs in the opening seven overs.

But the dismissal of Gibbs (18 from 22 balls) and Kirsten (22 from 40) in quick succession by pace champion Glenn McGrath left the Proteas a shaky 49 for two in the 13th over.

Neil McKenzie and Jacques Kallis then revived their fortunes with an enterprising stand of 77 from 94 balls before speedster Jason Gillespie trapped Kallis for 37 from 55 balls.

Jonty Rhodes (two) had his first failure of the series and Mark

Boucher was sent packing for 10 as Andrew Symonds struck twice, sending the Proteas to a troubled 153 for five in the 35th over.

Neil McKenzie, who had held together the middle order, was brilliantly caught by wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist off Gillespie, leaving South Africa a precarious 175 for six in the 41st over.

With the help of a mighty six and five fours, McKenzie crafted an excellent 68 from 85 balls.

South Africa lost their last five wickets for 39 runs, with paceman Glenn McGrath taking 4-30.

The feature of the Australian innings was a masterly third-wicket stand by Martyn and Ricky Ponting.

Coming together with the side a

fours and a six in his 80 from 95 balls.

Martyn's century was his third in one-day international company.

Australia's new opening batting combination of Mark Waugh and Matthew Hayden gave the side their best start of the series -- but they still mustered only a laborious 25 in almost 10 overs as new-ball bowlers Shaun Pollock and Steve Elworthy attacked with pinpoint accuracy.

Elworthy's consistency earned him the wickets of both players, giving him 2-18 from his opening six overs, though the right-hand operator was punished when he completed his 10-over stint, finishing with 2-53.

In contrast, Pollock remained economical throughout his 10-over assault, conceding a mere 28 runs and being desperately unlucky not to capture a wicket.

The superb left-handed leg-side catch snared by wicketkeeper Mark Boucher to send Mark Waugh (15 from 30 balls) on his way pushed the 36-year-old right-hander a step closer to the abyss.

The veteran of 240 one-day internationals has knocks of 1 and 0 in the current series before Sunday's failure, and selectors are known to favour an early infusion of new blood into the side.

Skipper Steve Waugh, who went to the crease late in the innings, punched a crisp 22 from 19 balls -- probably enough to take some pressure off him, at least in the short term.

Australia achieved only a modest total on an excellent pitch despite having plenty of early luck.

Mark Waugh survived lbw appeals by Elworthy and Pollock

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IWM Rani Hamid (L) notes down her move against Feroza Haque Chowdhury Poppy during their national chess meet engagement yesterday.

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