



Did U Know?

Legendary basketball player Michael Jordan Question wore so far four numbers in games. The numbers are 12, 23, 45 and 9.



Sunil Gavaskar

(Indian batting legend) "England were robbed." On the umpiring controversy during the first ODI between England and India.



What to Watch

- ESPN**
- Western Union World Football 6:00 am
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- STAR Sports**
- Australian Open Men/Women Singles Quarterfinals Live at 6:00 am
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Mashud mad at his batters

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER from Chittagong

Khaled Mashud blamed his top order batsmen for the defeat against Pakistan in the first one-day international at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong yesterday.

The visibly upset Bangladesh captain showed his frustration over the mindless batting of his specialist batsmen while talking to pressmen after the match. He however showered praises on his bowlers who, he thought, gave the home side a good target to chase.

"We could very well win the match had the top five batsmen scored some runs. But it seemed they were under some strange pressure while chasing a relatively small target," said Mashud.

"I thought, we had a good chance after bowling out Pakistan for 202

against South Africa on Sunday. Bangladesh take on defending champions India tomorrow (Thursday).

SCOREBOARD

Complete scoreboard of the ICC Youth World Cup match between Bangladesh and Canada in Auckland on Tuesday:

BANGLADESH

Salauddin c Roberts b Ganga 35
Aftab c Bagai b Bhatti 7
Nafis c Sandher b Richards 2
Ashraf c Bagai b Anjaria 32
Hasibul c Bagai b Roberts 17
Wassel c Sandher b Roberts 7
Arman not out 49
Ashiq run out 2
Murad not out 31
Extras: (lb-7, w-23, nb-1) 31

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Earlier, the Bangladesh total was built around a fine 49 from Ali Arman. Mohammad Ashraful scored 32 off 44 balls and opener Salahuddin made 35.

It was Bangladesh's first point after going down by 110 runs

SERIES CHIPS

HASAN MASOOD, from Chittagong

There was a full house at the MA Aziz Stadium on Tuesday for the first one-day international between Bangladesh and Pakistan.

The organisers received a boost when a crowd of around 30 thousand turned up at the stadium to watch the match.

The CJKS (Chattagram Jila Krira Sangstha) had earlier incurred losses during the second and final Test as they earned only Taka 3.5 lakh out of an estimated Taka 10 lakh.

Talking to The Daily Start Sport, CJKS treasurer Syed Shamim said that they had collected nearly ten lakh taka from yesterday's game.

However, the CJKP officials were puzzled at not seeing Bangladesh Cricket Board president Ali Asghar in the port city as expected.

He was scheduled to come on Monday evening to watch the match and hold talks concerning a row between the Board and CJKS over the sharing of revenues.

TERRIFIC TAREQ

Tareq Aziz could not have asked for a better start to his international career.

The 20-year-old Chittagong pacesman took three wickets in his first appearance for Bangladesh, which is the best performance on debut by any Bangladesh bowler.

Tareq, who hails from Rajbari, bowled seven overs in his first spell and took two wickets for twelve runs.

Though the right-arm seamer enjoyed bowling with the new ball, but his performance in slog overs was even better.

His last three overs cost only seven runs and earned another wicket.

Tareq's match figures of 10-19-3 can easily be described as quite extraordinary considering the strength of the opponents.

"Those are brilliant figures against a world-class team. I thought he bowled excellent today (Tuesday). In fact, all the bowlers did a good job," said chief selector Maulu Huq.

Tareq, on the other hand, hoped to perform much better in future.

"I think all the bowlers bowled well (Tuesday) and that inspired me more to do well," said the second year student of Public Administration at the Dhaka University.



Bangladesh captain Khaled Mashud, who scored team's highest 54, flicks one on Tuesday.

Canada hold youths

ICC U19 CRICKET WORLD CUP NEW ZEALAND 2002

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh youths shared points with lowly Canada in their second match of the ICC World Youth Cup on Tuesday.

The Group A match at Auckland's Colin Maiden Park ended in an exciting tie after both sides finished on 213.

In the final over of the match, Canada needed 11 runs and Bangladesh one wicket for their first victory. But Ashiqur Rahman spoiled the script sending down two wickets before conceding a boundary with the final delivery.

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CANADA

Rahaman b Ashraful 40
Bhatti st Hasibul b Arman 33
Persad b Ashraful 6
Bagai not out 82
Richards c sub (Shariful) b Arman 6
Minhas c Hasibul b Murad 1
Roberts run out 7
Sandher run out 4
Ziesmann run out 0
Anjaria run out 8
Ganga not out 3
Extras: (b-1, lb-3, w-19) 23

Total: (For 9 wickets in 50 overs) 213

Fall of wickets: 1-25, 2-31, 3-62, 4-97, 5-113, 6-115, 7-137

Did not bat: Shafiqul Azhar, Talha Jubair

Bowler O M R W

Talha 5 0 23 0
Al Zahir 1.3 0 6 0
Ashiq 5.3 0 34 0
Arman 10 0 23 2
Wassel 9 0 51 0
Ashraful 10 0 28 2
Murad 9 0 44 1

Result: Match ended as a tie.

Man-of-the-match: A Bagai.

Umpires: B Bowden (New Zealand) and EAR de Silva (Sri Lanka).

Div II soccer

SPORTS REPORTER

Jatrabari Krira Chakra and Mohakhali Eleven posted easy wins in the Second Division Football League at different city venues on Tuesday.

Masum struck twice and Monir hammered the other to give Jatrabari a resounding 3-1 victory over Kasiatuli in the lone match at the Abahani Club Ground.

At the Sher-e-Bangla Mirpur National Stadium Mohakhali Eleven outclassed Jarain Janata 4-1.

Monir scored twice and Aminul and Bashir shared the other goals for the winners. Taposh grabbed a consolation goal for Jarain in the second session.

The other match of the day between Bangladesh Boys and BG Press ended in a goalless draw.



Bangladesh pacesman Mohammad Sharif obliging an autograph-hunter while debutant pacesman Tareq Aziz is talking to a reporter during the presentation ceremony after the end of the first ODI in Chittagong on Tuesday.

Bichel blows SA away

Cricket

AFP, Sydney

Fast bowler Andy Bichel grabbed a sensational 5-19 to rout South Africa for 106 and inspire Australia to a crushing eight-wicket win in a crucial tri-nation series one-day clash here Tuesday.

The Proteas were skittled out in 38.3 overs for their third-lowest score in one-day internationals, leaving Australia with little more than a formality to win.

Steve Waugh's team romped home to their 107 target figure in the 19th over for the loss of two wickets, gaining a bonus point on top of the four awarded for victory. They are now second in the competition ladder, just three points behind leading side New Zealand.

South Africa, who have lost three matches in the past four days, drop to bottom. They now face a battle to re-group and re-discover their winning ways over their remaining three qualifying matches.

The South Africans claimed a piece of unwanted history by equaling the world record for the most ducks in a one-dayer - six.

The ducks equalled Pakistan's world record set in 1987 against England at Edgbaston and equalled by the same country against West Indies in Cape Town in 1992-93.

Bichel's career-best figures came from only 6.3 explosive overs. This time last week it was Australia who had lost three in a row and captain Waugh was calling for calm.

After two wins on the trot, he now felt vindicated in his stance that his side would rebound.

"Nothing has changed," he said. "We've got faith in our players and faith in the way we play the game."

"We're playing better cricket, there's no hiding from the fact we weren't playing well but things have turned around - and that happens in one-day cricket."

His twin brother Mark, escaping with a couple of lives after being lucky to survive the cull which cost Matthew Hayden his place in the squad, played a typical back-to-the-wall innings to make an unbeaten 55.

"He's a quality player and quality players respond to pressure situations," the skipper said of his brother.

South African captain Shaun Pollock said the loss was an aberration.

"You can't analyse too much into it - it's one of those games you just have to write off," he said.

He declined to use an excuse for the fact his team were playing their third game in four days.

"There's no hiding from the fact that playing three one-day internationals in four days is hard work - but that's not the reason for what happened out there today."

There was further bad news on the injury front for the South Africans when fast bowler Steve Elworthy was struck by a Glenn McGrath bouncer. He later went to hospital for scans which Pollock said had initially shown no serious injury.

The Proteas are already missing Allan Donald (finger) and Jacques Kallis (ankle).

SCOREBOARD

Full scoreboard of the Australia-South Africa day-night limited-overs cricket match at Sydney Cricket Ground Tuesday:

SOUTH AFRICA

Gibbs c Gilchrist b McGrath 0
Kirsten lbw b Warne 44
Dippenaar c Warne b McGrath 0
McKenzie b Bichel 18
Rhodes c Gilchrist b Bichel 0
Boucher lbw b Bichel 1
Pollock lbw b Bichel 0
Klusener lbw b Gillespie 0
Boje not out 13
Elworthy c S Waugh b McGrath 18
Ntini c and b Bichel 0
Extras: (lb-3, w-9) 12

Total: (All out in 38.3 overs) 106

Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-5, 3-42, 4-44, 5-49, 6-49, 7-50, 8-79, 9-103

Bowler O M R W

McGrath 10 1 29 3
Gillespie 9 1 27 1
Symonds 4 0 7 0
Bichel 6.3 0 19 5
Warne 6 1 13 1
M Waugh 3 0 8 0

AUSTRALIA

M Waugh not out 55
Gilchrist b Pollock 8
Ponting b Klusener 33
Martyn not out 6
Extras: (lb-1, w-1, nb-3) 5

Total: (For 2 wickets in 18.4 overs) 107

Fall of wickets: 1-24, 2-101

Did not bat: Steve Waugh, Michael Bevan, Andrew Symonds, Shane Warne, Andy Bichel, Jason Gillespie, Glenn McGrath

Bowler O M R W

Pollock 7 0 36 1
Klusener 2.4 0 28 1
Boje 2 0 6 0

Result: Australia won by eight wickets.

Man-of-the-match: Andy Bichel.

Next match: Australia v New Zealand, Adelaide, Jan 26.

Schools cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

West End High School, Adarsha Bidyapith, Sonet KG and AB High School and Progati High School won their respective Dhaka Metropolitan Zonal qualifying matches of the Standard Chartered 20th Schools Championship on Tuesday.

West End High defeated Ideal School by 19 runs Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Batting first after winning the toss, the West End boys made 185 for seven in the stipulated 35 overs with Yakub and Tanveer scoring 58 and 51 respectively.

In reply, Ideal School scored 166 all out in 32.5 overs.

At the Polytechnic Institute Ground, Adarsha Bidyapith pulled off an exciting one-wicket win against Baridhara Sishu Maloncha.

In a low-scoring affair, Adarsha Bidyapith chased a victory target of 129 in 28.2 overs with extras contributing highest 40 to the winners' total.

At the Dhanmondi Club ground, Progati High School recorded a four-wicket win over Pre-Cadet Child Care.

Rakib scored a dazzling 80 off 88 balls to help Pre-Cadet to 173 for nine in 35 overs.

But his half-century went in vain as Progati boys reached 178 for six wickets in 32.5 overs.

Sonet KG and AB High School defeated Rayerbazar High School by 58 runs at the Mirpur Outer Stadium.

BRIEF SCORES

West End School vs Ideal School

Venue: DCS

West End School 185 for 7 in 35 overs (Yakub 58, Tanveer 51, Manik 5/34)

Ideal School 166 all out 32.5 overs (Rasha 42, Tpal 27, Antu 26; Yakub 3/23, Mitsu 2/24)

Result: West End School won by 19 runs.

MS Adarsha Bidyapith vs Baridhara Sishu Maloncha

Venue: PIG

Baridhara Sishu Maloncha 128 all out in 28.3 overs (Momin 37, Sohagh 26; Bappi 4/20, Billal 2/28)

Adarsha Bidyapith 130 for 9 in 28.2 overs (Sohraf 32, Faisal; Azizul 4/35, Sohagh 3/18)

Result: MS Adarsha Bidyapith won by 1 wicket.

Sonet KG & AB High School vs Rayerbazar High School

Venue: MOS

Sonet KG & AB High School 144 all out in 31.4 overs (Monir 30, Belal 11, Extras 66; Shahriar 3/40, Karim 2/32)

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BANGLADESH-PAKISTAN SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the first one-day international of the Coca-Cola series between Bangladesh and Pakistan at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong on Tuesday:

PAKISTAN:

Shahid Afridi c Khaled Mashud b Mohammad Sharif 7 9 1 0
Naved Latif b Tareq Aziz 17 38 3 0
Yousuf Youhana c Tareq Aziz b Monjurul Islam 7 16 1 0
Inzamamul Haq c Sanwar Hossain b Tareq Aziz 20 31 3 0
Younis Khan b Khaled Mashud 22 41 1 0
Rashid Latif b Mohammad Sharif 79 83 9 0
Abdur Razzaq c Khaled Mashud b Enamul Hoque 24 43 1 0
Azhar Mahmood c and b Enamul Hoque 1 3 0 0
Waqar Younis c Mehbab Hossain b Tareq Aziz 1 5 0 0
Saqlain Mushtaq not out 12 26 1 0
Shoaib Akhtar c Khaled Mashud b Mohammad Sharif 3 5 0 0
Extras: (b-2, lb-2, w-1, nb-4) 9

Total: (All out in 49.5 overs) 202

Fall of wickets: 1-12 (Afridi), 2-27 (Youhana), 3-35 (Naved), 4-67 (Inzamam), 5-88 (Younis), 6-168 (Razzaq), 7-172 (Azhar), 8-175 (Waqar), 9-194 (Rashid), 10-202 (Shoaib)

Bowler O M R W

Monjurul Islam 10 3 43 1
Mohammad Sharif 9.5 1 40 3
Tareq Aziz 10 1 19 3
Khaled Mahmud 10 0 50 1
Enamul Hoque 10 0 46 2

BANGLADESH:

Javed Omar c Saqlain Mushtaq b Shoaib Akhtar 6 24 1 0
Mehrab Hossain b Shoaib Akhtar 0 5 0 0
Al Shahriar run out (Naved Latif) 6 34 0 0
Tushar Imran c Inzamamul Haq b Saqlain Mushtaq 21 54 3 0
Sanwar Hossain c Azhar Mahmood b Abdur Razzaq 2 9 0 0
Khaled Mahmud run out (Azhar Mahmood) 5 17 0 0
Khaled Mashud not out 54 104 5 0
Enamul Hoque c Naved Latif b Inzamamul Haq 32 63 1 0
Mohammad Sharif not out 0 0 0 0
Extras: (b-1, lb-9, w-10, nb-7) 27

Total: (For 7 wickets in 50 overs) 153

Fall of wickets: 1-1 (Mehrab), 2-14 (Omar), 3-24 (Al Shahriar), 4-32 (Sanwar), 5-54 (Mahmud), 6-68 (Imran), 7-153 (Enamul)

Did not bat: Tareq Aziz, Monjurul Islam

Bowler O M R W

Waqar Younis 10 2 33 0
Shoaib Akhtar 8 1 9 2
Abdur Razzaq 6 1 10 1
Azhar Mahmood 6 0 26 0
Saqlain Mushtaq 10 0 24 1
Shahid Afridi 7 0 28 0
Naved Latif 2 0 13 0
Inzamamul Haq 1 1 0 1

Result: Pakistan won by 49 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Rashid Latif.

Umpires: Akhtaruddin and Saib Hossain (both Bangladeshis).

Match Referee: Brian Hastings (New Zealand).

Toss: Pakistan.

Moin Khan called up

REUTERS, Karachi

Former Pakistan captain and wicketkeeper Moin Khan has been called up as emergency cover for Rashid Latif for the conclusion of the one-day international series against Bangladesh.

"We got a urgent message from the team management today that they need a reinforcement for Latif," Lieutenant General Tauqir Zia, head of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), told this news agency.

Latif, who returned to the team in England last year after three years in the wilderness, suffered a cramp while batting in the first one-day international against Bangladesh on Tuesday.

"At this stage we don't know what Latif's injury is," said Zia.

"But since the team management has asked for a reinforcement we are sending Moin tonight in case Latif is unable to take further part in the series."

Moin, on the sidelines since the Pakistan tour to New Zealand early last year, said: "It is a pleasant surprise, since I was not expecting a call so suddenly."

Sub-Junior chess on

SPORTS REPORTER

The 22nd National Sub-Junior (Under-16) Chess Championship commenced at Bangladesh Chess Federation Auditorium on Tuesday.

Around fifty boys and girls from ten districts are taking part in the meet.

Twenty players won their first round games.

Meanwhile, the Confidence Cement 23rd National Women Chess Championship resumes today.

England draw level

Cricket

AFP, Cuttack

England overcame early fielding lapses to post an exciting 16-run victory over India in the second one-day international here on Tuesday.

The tourists fielded brilliantly after two dropped catches to defend 250 for seven on a batting wicket, effecting three crucial run-outs to stop India at 234 and square the six-match series 1-1.

Tail-enders Ajit Agarkar (33) and Anil Kumble (16) threatened England with a 39-run stand for the ninth wicket, but the target proved beyond their reach as the asking-rate kept climbing.

Fast bowler Darren Gough ended India's rally with the last two wickets to finish with 3-46.

England's total owed much of its substance to impressive half-centuries from man-of-the-match Paul Collingwood (71 not out) and Michael Vaughan (63) after they had been put in to bat.

The tourists tightened their fielding just when Sachin Tendulkar (45) and Dinesh Mongia (49) looked set to put India in a strong position with a 79-run stand for the second wicket.

Both Tendulkar and Mongia were let off by Marcus Trescothick in the slips early in their innings, but England did not allow these lapses to affect their performance.

A lucky breakthrough paved the way for England's win.

Tendulkar was run out backing up when bowler Ben Hoolioake tried to stop a Mongia drive and the ball deflected on to the stumps.

India wobbled after Tendulkar's



PAUL COLLINGWOOD...m-o-m

maiden half-century and Collingwood his third to help England reach a fighting total.

Vaughan was involved in a 69-run stand for the third wicket with skipper Nasser Hussain (46).

Collingwood then held the innings together after three wickets, including that of Vaughan, had fallen for 17 runs in the closing overs.

He played some attractive shots in the end, swinging Tendulkar over square-leg and then Agarkar for two sixes. He put on 51 valuable runs for the seventh wicket with Jeremy Snape (22).

The match was Javagal Srinath's

200th one-dayer.

SCOREBOARD

Complete scoreboard of the second one-day international between England and India at the Barabati Stadium in Cuttack on Tuesday:

ENGLAND

Trescothick c Mongia b Agarkar 13
Knight c Harbhajan b Srinath 14
Hussain c Agarkar b Ganguly 46
Vaughan run out 63
Collingwood not out 71
Flintoff b Harbhajan 5
Hollioake b Kumble 0
Snape run out 22
Foster not out 3
Extras: (lb-6, w-1, nb-6) 13

Total: (For 7 wickets in 50 overs) 250

Fall of wickets: 1-24, 2-45, 3-114, 4-176, 5-190, 6-193, 7-244

Did not bat: Darren Gough, Matthew Hoggard

Bowler O M R W

Srinath 9 0 41 1
Agarkar 8 1 46 1
Kumble 10 0 47 1
Harbhajan 10 0 35 1
Ganguly 5 0 29 1
Tendulkar 6 0 35 0
Sehwag 2 0 11 0

INDIA

Ganguly c Knight b Hoggard 14
Tendulkar run out 45
Mongia run out 49
Laxman run out 3
Sehwag c Knight b Gough 5
Badani c Flintoff b Hollioake 13
Ratra lbw b Flintoff 30
Agarkar c Foster b Gough 33
Harbhajan lbw b Snape 6
Kumble c Collingwood b Gough 16
Srinath not out 7
Extras: (lb-3, w-7, nb-3) 13

Total: (All out in 48.4 overs) 234

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V-Day hockey

BSS, Dhaka

Sonali Bank and Dhaka Wanderers won their respective matches in the Victory-Day hockey tournament at the Maulana Bhashani National Stadium yesterday.

In the first match, Sonali Bank defeated Sadharan Bima 5-1. The

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