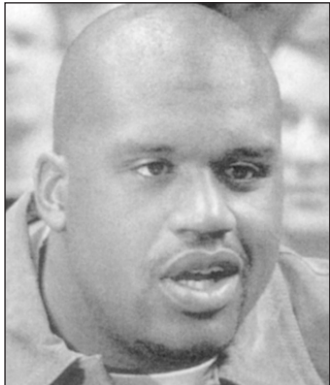


Did U Know?

In a Test match against England at Edgbaston recently, Australia had 3 centuries coming in at 5 or below. On five occasions this has happened in a Test match so far.

Talk Turkey



Shaquille O'Neal
(Basketball superstar)
"In Hindu culture, the elephant is tall, regal, majestic, strong, powerful and enigmatic. A Hindu proverb states that when an elephant is down, even a frog will kick him."
Who wore a Hindu proverb on his chest at practice.

What to Watch

ESPN
Sportscentre Hindi
Sport News
7:30 am
English Premier Football League
Highlights at 12:00 pm
&
Derby County vs Man United
3:00 pm
World Cup Soccer Mix
5:00 pm
Cricket Programming
Super Selector
5:30 pm
Serie A
Highlights at 6:30 pm
Football Focus
7:30 pm
Sportscentre Hindi
Sport News
Live at 8:30 pm
STAR Sports
Sportsline Today
Sport News
Live at 8:00 am
Harsha Online
Cricket Talk Show
8:30 am
Cricket Programming
Super Selector
9:30 am
Harsha Online
Cricket Talk Show
3:00 pm
Sportsline Tonight
Sport News
Live at 8:00 pm
Primera Liga
Betis vs Villarreal
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Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 167

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Competition closes at 8 pm March 15, 2002 and draw shortly afterwards

1. Who won the U-19 cricket World Cup?	Australia South Africa New Zealand
2. Who became African Nations Cup football champions?	Cameroon Senegal Ghana
3. What was the result of the first ever Test series in Sharjah between Pakistan and West Indies?	1-0 2-01-1
4. Who clinched the National junior chess title?	P a r a g
5. Who won the Pan-Pacific Open tennis title?	N a m i s
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Bangladesh's best chance



SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh A set Windward Islands a stiff target of 300 runs in their penultimate Busta Cup match at Arnos Vale on Monday.

The home team were 28 for one at stumps on the third day in reply to a challenging Bangladesh A second innings total of 288. The tourists took a 12-run lead on the second day.

Resuming on 56 for two, the visitors thrived on two brilliant half-centuries from Mazharul Huq and Tushar Imran to give themselves a sniff of victory.

The second string national side, which is marking the first tour by any Bangladesh team to the Caribbeans, has yet to taste a victory in the first-class tournament. They have lost five of their previous six games.

Mazharul, the consistent performer for the tourists, survived a let-off in the second over and went on to score a superb 90. Tushar on the other hand followed up his first innings 46 with an exciting 79.

Mazharul put on 105 runs for the third wicket with Anwar Hossain.

Coming in to bat as nightwatchman the young wicketkeeper played the best supporting role with a

doughty 35. The two batted beautifully through the first session and went into lunch with any damage.

But the pair were finally separated when Mazharul fell after entering the nervous 90s with the A team total reading 157 for three. The visitors suffered another quick blow when Naimur Rahman, who was instrumental in dismissing Windwards for 151 with a five-wicket haul, departed after scoring only one.

Skipper Akram Khan and Anwar added 46 runs for the fifth wicket before Bangladesh A suffered spectacular collapse, losing four wickets for four runs.

But Tushar rebuilt the innings producing 60 runs for the ninth wicket with Munir after Bangladesh A were reduced to 208 for eight.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the third day of the sixth round Busta Cup Series match between Bangladesh A and the Windwards at Arnos Vale on Sunday:

BANGLADESH A: First innings 163 all out in 76.1 overs.

WINDWARDS: First innings 151 all out in 70.1 overs.

BANGLADESH A: Second innings (overnight 53 for two in 27 overs)

Hannan lbw b Thomas 0
Ehsanul c Lewis b Butler 26
Mazharul c Lewis b Jackson 90

Anwar c Casimir b Shillingford 35
Naimur lbw b Shillingford 1
Tushar c Thomas b Butler 79
Akram c Telesford b Peters 11
Mushfiqur c Butler b Shillingford 0
Mosaddek c Smith b Jackson 2
Tareq Aziz not out 12
Anwar c Casimir b Shillingford 12
Extras: (lb-9, b-2, nb-6, w-3) 20
Total: (All out in 104.1 overs) 288
Fall of wkts: 1-0; 2-51; 3-156; 4-160; 5-204; 6-204; 7-208; 8-208; 9-264.

Bowler
Thomas 16 1 59 1
Butler 22 4 56 2
Peters 20 5 44 1
Jackson 20 2 47 2
Shillingford 23.1 5 54 4
Lewis 3 0 17 0

WINDWARDS: Second innings
Smith not out 14
Casimir c Hannan b Mosaddek 13
Shillingford not out 0
Extras: (lb-1) 1
Total: (For one wicket in 13 overs) 28
Did not bat: J Eugene, J Murray, R Lewis, D Butler, C Telesford, I Jackson, F Thomas, K Peters.

Fall of wkt: 1-28.

Bowler
Tareq Aziz 3 1 12 0
Anwar 5 3 5 0
Naimur 4 2 6 0
Mosaddek 1 0 4 1

Toss: Windward Islands.

Umpires: I Lord and CE Mack.

Taibur checks Zia's run

SPORTS REPORTER

Taibur Rahman halted the five-match winning streak of Grand Master Ziaur Rahman in the Professor Abdur Razzak 28th National Chess Championship on Monday.

Though Zia, who was playing with black pieces, accepted a quick draw after 27 moves against his unfancied opponent, he still leads the 12-player table on five-and-a-half points.

International Master (IM) Abdullah Al-Rakib remains in second spot with five points. In the sixth round held at the NSC chess room, Rakib edged past Saifuddin Lovlu.

GM Niaz Murshed rediscovered his form when beat Fide Master Enamul Hossain Rajib. The defeat pushed Rajib down to third place on four points.

In other matches, IM Reefat-bin-Sattar defeated Abu Sufian Shakil, Syed Ruhul Kabir Shiplu outplayed Syed Ejaj Hossain.

Although today is a rest day, nevertheless the second round match between GM Niaz Murshed and Tabeur Rahman will be held at 3 pm.

Points: 5.5-Zia, 5-Rakib 4-Rajib, 3.5-Reefat, Shakil 2.5-Nasir (5 games), Shiplu 2-Nasir (5 game), Lovlu, 1.5-Ejaz, 1-Sumon (5 games) and 5-Pallab (5 games).

Sehwag sidelined

AFP, New Delhi

Indian middle-order batsman Virender Sehwag has been ruled out of the ongoing second and final Test against Zimbabwe due to a shoulder injury, a top official said here on Sunday.

"He is not available for the next two weeks because of shoulder injury," Indian cricket board vice-president C. K. Khanna said in a statement.

Local hero Sehwag, who smashed 74 in the first innings, suffered the injury after taking a diving catch offered by Grant Flower off leg-spinner Anil Kumble during the Zimbabwean second innings.

Khanna said Sehwag would be replaced with opener Shiv Sunder Das for the first three matches of the upcoming series of five one-day internationals against the tourists.

The first one-dayer will be played on Thursday at Faridabad in the northern Indian state of Haryana.

Viv speaks out

AP, The Valley

Antiguan cricket legend Viv Richards has called on the West Indies Cricket Board to help revive the regional game.

Former fast-balling great Rev Wes Hall, the president of the Cricket Board, is the ideal man to lead the reconciliation effort, Richards said in Anguilla, where he was watching the Busta Cup match between the Leeward Islands and Barbados.

"We know that he is powerful" in the cricket sphere, the ex-West Indies captain said. "So maybe he can do something."

Hall has planned to get current and past players who have been in conflict with the Cricket Board back together and urge dialogue, he said during a Busta Cup match in Nevis last month.

In 1999, Richards fell out with the Board's then-management after he was overlooked as coach for his team. The decision sparked protest and public demonstration in his homeland in the Leeward Islands.

But Hall's ideas may help bring the region's players together, Richards said, including an initiative to design a West Indies-styled coaching manual.

School v'balls

UNB, Dhaka

The Metropolis School Volleyball tournament for boys and girls, organised by Bangladesh Volleyball Federation (BVF), will begin in the third week of this month.

Intended school teams from Dhaka Metropolis and adjoining areas, which failed to confirm their entries during previous schedule, have been asked to send their entries by March 14, said a BVF press release yesterday.

Kushtia cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Durgapur Cricket Club of Kumerkhali defeated Diamond Club of Kushtia by 34 runs in the inaugural match at the Kumerkhali Sporting Club ground on Monday.

Winning the toss, Durgapur batted first and made 239 runs all out in 34.3 overs.

In reply, Diamond managed 205 runs for nine wickets in the stipulated 35 overs.

Thirteen teams are taking part in the tournament.

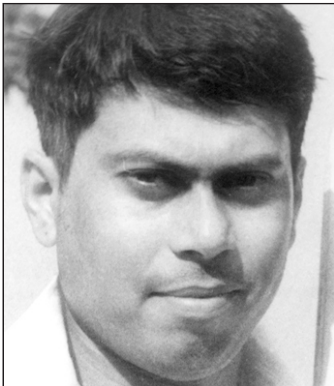
All eyes on Minhaz

Sabbir creates one-day sensation

ISPAHANI MIRZAPORE TEA 3rd National Cricket League

SPORTS REPORTER

Sunday's blistering 140 off 136 balls landed Sabbir Khan of Chittagong from no where at the second place on the list of top ten one-day batsmen of Ispahani National Cricket



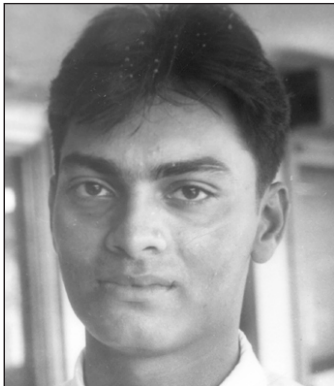
MINHAZUL ABEDIN

League.

The makeshift one-downer and off-spinner has now scored 264 runs in nine innings that included a

century and a fifty. Dhaka batsman Jahangir Alam is the top-scorer in the one-day format of the league having scored 289 runs that yielded a hundred (104) and a fifty.

All eyes are however still focused on Chittagong's Minhazul Abedin who is only 39 runs shy of becoming the first batsman to score thousand First class runs in a season. Determined to earn a call in the Test



SABIR KHAN

fold at an age of 36, the former national skipper is enjoying a terrific time with the bat. He maintained an astonishing average of 80.08 in

eight matches (14 innings) he played so far.

Minhaz, who plundered three hundreds including a double century (210 against Dhaka last month), has now only one match in hand to reach the elusive four-figure mark. Chittagong will host Khulna at the Comilla Stadium on March 15.

Sabbir, a BKSP product, is however yet to score a fifty in First class matches so far but chipped in with 241 runs in nine matches.

The tall right hander could not see success in one-day matches as a bowler, taking only five wickets with his off-spinners. But he underlined his bowling potential in longer version matches. He has taken 34 scalps to remain behind leading wicket-taker Mohammad Rafique, the left-arm spinner with 42 wickets.

Former Bangladesh seamer Shafiuddin Ahmed is the leading one-day bowler having bagged 17 wickets off 55.1 overs.

The penultimate round of the league begins tomorrow with two matches commencing at different venues outside Dhaka. Rajshahi will host Sylhet at the Rajshahi Stadium while Barisal will take on Khulna at the Barisal Stadium.

LEADING ONE-DAY PERFORMERS									
BATSMAN	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	100s	150s	Average	
Jahangir Alam (DK)	9	9	-	289	104	1	1	32.11	
Sabbir Khan (Ctg)	9	9	-	264	140	1	1	29.33	
Nasirul Alam (Syl)	8	8	-	237	55	-	2	29.63	
Anisul Hakim (Ctg)	9	9	-	236	45	-	-	26.22	
Rajin Saleh (Syl)	8	8	1	220	65	1	-	31.43	
Minhazul Abedin (Ctg)	7	7	1	212	65*	-	3	35.33	
Rafiqul Islam (Raj)	8	8	-	209	51	-	1	26.13	
Neeyamur Rashid (DK)	9	9	2	197	51	-	1	28.14	
Asadullah Khan (Khu)	7	7	-	194	58	-	3	27.71	
Hasanuzzaman (Raj)	8	7	2	174	43*	-	-	34.80	
BOWLER	M	O	M	R	W	BB	Average		
Shafiuddin Ahmed (Ctg)	7	55.1	4	177	17	6-39	10.41		
Aminul Islam Jr (Raj)	5	45.3	8	154	14	5-31	11.00		
Taposh Baishya (Syl)	8	70	12	215	14	4-16	15.36		
Abdullah Al-Mamun (Raj)	6	57	5	217	14	4-27	15.50		
Debabrata Paul (Ctg)	7	56	6	245	12	4-32	20.42		
Rezaul Haq (Syl)	7	56	3	191	11	3-19	17.36		
Tariqul Islam (Raj)	7	57	7	202	11	3-38	18.36		
Faisal Khan (Raj)	6	46.1	6	202	11	4-40	18.36		
Sajjadul Hasan (Khu)	8	46	6	153	10	4-17	15.30		
Imtiaz Hossain (Syl)	7	43.3	1	164	10	4-22	16.40		

Japan stun England



AFP, Kuala Lumpur

Japan proved their growing stature in field hockey was not misplaced when they shocked England 2-1 in a Pool B match of the World Cup here on Monday.

Captain Takahiko Yamabori scored twice in a six-minute burst in the first half, before Dave Mathews reduced the margin with England's seventh penalty corner five minutes before the end.

England's first ever defeat against Japan left them on nine points from six matches, ending any slim hopes Malcolm Wood's men may have entertained of taking one of the two semi-final spots from the group.

Japan, with seven points and a match in hand against first-timers Cuba, have a chance to finish among the top four in the group and fight for the 5-8 positions in the tournament.

Japan, who went through the qualifiers to play in the World Cup, began the tournament by holding India to a 2-2 draw.

They beat Poland 2-1, before going down to group leaders Australia and South Korea, besides

suffering a narrow 1-0 defeat against hosts Malaysia.

Japanese manager Toichi Nagai was delighted at Monday's victory.

"Our strategy was to create space behind the England defence with three forwards and it worked very well," he said.

"Our aim is to finish among the top eight and we are on target for that. The boys will not take Cuba lightly because we want to score as many goals as possible."

The England coach said the result was a "huge disappointment." "We played badly in the first 25 minutes and that cost us the game," Wood said.

"The defence was not running well and we paid the price for that."

"We may not be able to make it to the semi-finals, but the tournament is not over for us. We will fight it out in the remaining games."

In the last round of league matches on Tuesday, Japan play Cuba, while England meet South Korea.

GERMANY 1, HOLLAND 0

Germany beat reigning champions Holland 1-0 on Sunday to set up a thrilling climax to the hunt for semi-final places.

When the last round of league matches are played on Tuesday, at least four teams will have a chance to take the two semi-final berths

from the difficult Pool A.

Germany lead the table with 15 points, two more than Holland and three ahead of both Pakistan and Argentina.

Pakistan, who ousted Spain 2-0 earlier in the day, will qualify if they beat Germany by more than two goals in their last match to gain a superior goal-difference.

Holland must also defeat South Africa, while Argentina need a big win over Spain to have an outside chance of moving up.

"It can't be more open than this, anything can happen on Tuesday," Pakistani manager Khalid Khokhar said.

The tussle in the relatively easier Pool A appears more settled with both Australia and South Korea unbeaten on 15 points each, three more than hosts Malaysia and England.

Bjorn Michel scored Germany's match-winner from a penalty corner 13 minutes before the end, to make for at least five missed chances by team-mates.

The first defeat for the Dutch after four wins and a draw came against a side that were the pre-tournament favourites with a 34-2 track record in 2001.

BD Games kho kho starts Mar 12

BSS, Dhaka

The seventh Bangladesh Games kho kho competition will take place from March 12.

Twelve teams will take part the meet. The matches will be held at the Outer Stadium.

The teams are Dhaka, Rajshahi, Natore, Shatkhira, Narail, Jessore, Munshigonj, Khulna, Nilfamari, Narayanganj, Narshingdi and Dinajpur.

The participating teams have been requested to report to the Bangladesh kho kho Federation office by March 10.

Pabna soccer

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Shikhharti Sports Institute outplayed Khelwar Kalayan Samity 6-0 in the A R Cement First Division Football League match at the local stadium on Monday.

Echo netted thrice, Bindu two and Matin one for the winners.

India seal the series



AFP, New Delhi

India skipped a few heartbeats before pulling off a four-wicket victory over Zimbabwe on a thrilling final day of the second and last Test here on Monday.

India, chasing a modest 122-run target, slipped from 93-3 to 105-6 before tail-ender Harbhajan Singh held his nerve under pressure to finish the match with a straight six off seamer Heath Streak.

"I know I can hit a few big shots," said Harbhajan, who struck one six and two fours in his unbeaten 14. He was also named man-of-the-match for taking eight wickets in the Test.

India clinched the two-Test series with this victory, having beaten Zimbabwe by an innings and 101 runs in the opening match at Nagpur last week.

Left-arm spinner Raymond Price briefly raised visions of a Zimbabwean win when he removed Sachin Tendulkar and Rahul Dravid in the space of 12 runs on a tired fifth-day pitch at the Ferozeshah Kotla ground.

Streak also jolted India when he trapped defiant opener Shiv Sunder Das (31) leg before with a late inswinger after the hosts had resumed at 36-3.

All-rounder Sanjay Bangar batted cautiously and Harbhajan aggressively to steer India to the fifth win in nine Tests against Zimbabwe.

Batting superstar Tendulkar smashed a 52-ball 42 to ease the pressure after India had lost three quick wickets on a turning track on Sunday.

He steadied the innings with a 57-run stand for the fourth wicket with Das, which turned out to be crucial for India on a pitch where 17 wickets had fallen on Sunday.

"We knew it won't be easy batting on the final day. We needed just one

good partnership and Sachin and Das gave us that," said India skipper Sourav Ganguly.

Tendulkar went to his shots from the beginning, exploding with a flurry of boundaries to keep the Zimbabwean attack at bay. He pulled left-arm spinner Grant Flower for a six and then hit Streak for three fours.

The master batsman hit one six and seven boundaries before falling leg before sweeping Price, who troubled India the most with his turn and bounce in his 13 disciplined

Streak ended Das's 126-ball knock for his only wicket of the innings and then Price had Dravid caught by Andy Flower in the slips for six to again put pressure on the hosts.

Harbhajan then chanced his arm, playing a couple of big shots in his 17-ball knock to end a brave Zimbabwean fight-back.

"It was another instance when things did not go our way," said Zimbabwean captain Stuart Carlsie. "But we showed great character to fight till the end after

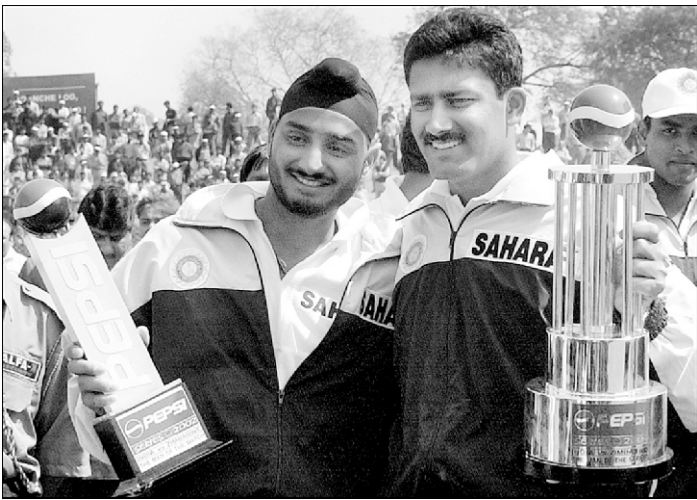


PHOTO: AFP

THE ASSASSINS: Spin twins Harbhajan Singh (L) and Anil Kumble display their trophies after the second Test against Zimbabwe on Monday. Harbhajan became man-of-the-match and Kumble was named man-of-the-series.

overs in the morning.

India needed just 29 to win with six wickets in hand when Tendulkar was dismissed in the 16th over of the day.

Price and Streak, however, refused to give up as they made the remaining Indian batsmen struggle for every run. Harbhajan survived a couple of confident leg-before appeals off Streak.

being 1-0 down in the series."

Indian leg-spinner Anil Kumble was named man-of-the-series for bagging 16 wickets in two Tests, including seven here.

SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard of the second and last Test between India and

SEE PAGE 15

No room for Mark too



AFP, Sydney

Mark Waugh followed his twin brother Steve out of the Australian one-day cricket side Monday when selectors named their squad to tour South Africa.