

Magura cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

Shaheed Mintu Sangha defeated Bhithashayer Kirra Chakra by two wickets in the Econo Cricket League at the Magura Stadium on Wednesday.

Winning the toss, Bhithashayer batted first and collected 95 all out in 32.5 overs.

In reply, Mintu Sangha reached the target of 96 runs for eight wickets in 15 overs.

Pak flounder

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experienced off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq from the line-up, including off-spinning allrounder Shoaib Malik with a four-pronged pace attack.

Sri Lanka included three seamers and two spinners.

India, who participated in the first edition, refused to send its team to Pakistan in September last year, saying it would continue to boycott cricket with Pakistan over their Kashmir dispute.

Pakistan and Sri Lanka thrashed Bangladesh in the championship league games last year and decided to abandon the meaningless league game and directly play the final.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first day of the Asian Test Championship final between Pakistan and Sri Lanka at Gaddafi Stadium on Wednesday:

PAKISTAN: First innings

Akrifi run out	9
Umer c Samaraweera b Vaas	6
Younis b Muralitharan	46
Izamam c Jayasuriya b Fernando	29
Youhana c Sangakkara b Fernando	6
Razzaq lbw b Vaas	24
Malik c Sangakkara b Fernando	13
Latif c Sangakkara b Muralitharan	36
Waqar b Muralitharan	19
Akhtar lbw b Muralitharan	15
Sami not out	0
Extras: (lb-5, nb-25, w-1)	31
Total: (All out in 67 overs)	234
Fall of wickets: 1-18, 2-18, 3-104, 4-108, 5-127, 6-147, 7-176, 8-216, 9-219.	

Bowler

O	M	R	W	
Vaas	17	2	62	2
Zoysa	9	2	29	0
Fernando	16	1	84	3
Muralitharan	25	10	55	4

SRI LANKA: First innings

Atapattu c Akhtar b Younis	0
Jayasuriya not out	47
Sangakkara not out	39
Extras: (b-1, nb-6, w-1)	8
Total: (For 1 wkt in 21 overs)	94

To bat: M Jayawardene, R Arnold, H Tillakaratne, T Samaraweera, C Vaas, N Zoysa, B Fernando and M Muralitharan.

Fall of wicket: 1-0

Bowler

O	M	R	W	
Waqar	7	0	27	1
Akhtar	5	0	38	0
Sami	6	0	23	0
Razzaq	3	0	5	0

Umpires: Daryl Harper (Aus) and Athar Zaidi (Pak).

Match referee: Justice Ahmed Ebrahim (Zim).

No Pollock, yes Boucher



REUTERS/AFP, Cape Town

Wicketkeeper Mark Boucher has been confirmed as the South African captain for the second Test against Australia which begins at Newlands on Friday.

Vice-captain Boucher stood in for regular skipper Shaun Pollock in the first Test at the Wanderers, which South Africa lost by an innings and 360 runs.

Pollock pulled out of the side on Tuesday evening after failing to recover sufficiently from a side strain that threatens to keep him out of the third Test as well.

Bedi upsets Lankans



AFP, Lahore

Sri Lankan cricket managers Wednesday reacted with dismay to Indian spin legend Bishen Bedi's criticism of Muttiah Muralitharan's bowling action.

Bedi, who took 266 wickets for India in 1960s and 70s, said last month that Sri Lankan off spinner Muralitharan's action looks more of a javelin thrower than a bowler.

"Bedi's remarks are really disappointing and disturbing. He should not have said that when he's Muralitharan's action was cleared by the International Cricket Council," Sri Lankan captain Sanath Jayasuriya told AFP.

Bedi criticised the International

It was the second blow suffered by the South Africans on Tuesday as it followed the announcement that batsman Daryll Cullinan had pulled out of the match over a pay row, plunging the team's planning into turmoil.

Pollock joined the side for practice in Cape Town Tuesday, but the convenor of national selectors, Rushdi Magiet, said a side strain injury had not improved sufficiently for him to play.

Team physiotherapist Craig Smith said in a statement: "Shaun has not recovered to a point where he could bowl at full pace or for a sustained period."

"Shaun had a scan on Monday which showed he hasn't healed

enough and he tried to bowl in the nets this afternoon, but he still felt it.

Neil McKenzie was named as vice-captain, while 24 year-old batsman Laden Gamiet of Border will perform the 12th man duties.

Earlier in the day, Cullinan, 35, walked out of the squad when his demand for a contract until next year was refused by Gerald Majola, chief executive of the United Cricket Board.

SOUTH AFRICA: Mark Boucher (captain), Gary Kirsten, Herschelle Gibbs, Jacques Kallis, Neil McKenzie, Graeme Smith, Ashwell Prince, Andrew Hall, Paul Adams, Makhaya Ntini, Deward Pretorius. 12th man: Laden Gamiet.

Razzaq must wait

AFP, Lahore

Flamboyant all-rounder Abdul Razzaq is unlikely to play the first few matches of the English season for Middlesex as Pakistan want him for the home series against New Zealand next month, an official said Wednesday.

"We are carefully looking at how and when to allow Razzaq to play in the English season but we need him for our home series against New Zealand," national coach Mudassar Nazar told AFP.

London county Middlesex have sought urgent clarification as to how much of the season Razzaq is available for after Pakistan's home series against New Zealand, which has been rescheduled to April-May.

New Zealand's tour was postponed last year after the September 11 attacks on the United States.

The 21-year-old Razzaq is a key member of Pakistan's Test and one-day squad.

"Razzaq's contract allows him 30-35 days away from county duties so we would sit down and work out how to utilise those days," Nazar said.

Pakistan will play two Tests and three one-day internationals against New Zealand between April 20 and May 12. The English county season begins in the third week of April.

Ind-Zim ODI

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"Sachin is a world class batsman and Sehwag was is tremendous form. It's unfortunate that they have to sit out, but it will certainly be to our advantage," he added.

But Carlisle said India still had enough firepower in the likes of Ganguly, Laxman, Dravid and the spin duo of leg-spinner Anil Kumble and off-break bowler Harbhajan Singh, to cause the visitors problems.

"It's not going to be easy, we will have to put our best foot forward. The Tests are over, it's a new game and if we try our best we could manage the unexpected."

SQUADS

INDIA: Saurav Ganguly (captain), Shiv Sundar Das, Rahul Dravid, Vangipurappu Laxman, Dinesh Mongia, Sanjay Bangar, Mohammad Kaif, Ajay Ratna (wk), Zaheer Khan, Ajit Agarkar, Tinu Yohannan, Harbhajan Singh, Sharandeep Singh, Anil Kumble.

ZIMBABWE: Stuart Carlisle (captain), Heath Streak, Gary Brent, Alistair Campbell, Charles Coventry, Dion Ebrahim, Andrew Flower, Grant Flower, Travis Frailer, Douglas Hondo, Douglas Marillier, Mpumelelo Mbangwa, Tatenda Taibu, Craig Wishart.



PHOTO: STAR

A Bangladesh Army paratrooper landing inside the Bangabandhu National Stadium during the rehearsals for the opening ceremony of the Bangladesh Games yesterday.

I've always wanted

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importance to this victory.

Q: Let's talk about your batting. What was going wrong before this innings?

A: Technically I think there was nothing wrong. The failure was due to lapses of concentration than for any technical reason. The only technical change that I made was to use a lighter bat so that I could play the pull and the hook. In the last couple of years, there have been a number of times when I have got out in the forties. They were because, I could not sustain my concentration.

Q: You will have to play quite a few one-dayers and test matches before the 2003 World Cup. Isn't it a pressure for the players that they will not have enough time to rest?

A: The fixtures have been made a long time back. So we will have to fulfill the commitments. But then it is for the Board to decided as to how many games we should play. The rotation policy that is being employed now will help players to recover. But we have suffered

injuries in the past, as we had to play continuously. But then, I do not want to get into any controversy by being critical of the Board. We will simply follow what the BCCI asks us to do

Q: As a captain, you have been warned, reprimanded by match referees. Don't you think that a public figure like you should be more careful?

A: I don't want to be a good loser. I want to win. And I will always speak my mind for my teammates. Most of the times, I have been pulled up by match referees simply because I have lost my temper on the field. But then I play from my heart at times. We were penalized in South Africa for no reason at all. These days everybody appeals. Do you expect a bowler or fielder to go up to an umpire and whisper "How is that?" It is not possible. Q: Your daughter's name seems to have brought good luck for you.

A: It's great to be a father. Every moment that I have spent with her has been very enjoyable. Yeah, she

Gough needs surgery

AFP, London

England fast bowler Darren Gough said Wednesday he could need a knee operation which will keep him out of action for up to five weeks.

Yorkshire quick Gough has just over a month in order to be fit for the start of the English season in April after sustaining a cartilage injury during England's final one-day international against New Zealand.

However, the 31-year-old pacer who was not included in the Test squad after making himself unavailable for last year's tour to India, remains optimistic about making a swift recovery.

"Even if I do need an operation on my knee I don't see it as a major problem, and I reckon I'll be fit for the start of the season in April," he told www.teletext.co.uk.

Hogg ZCU's new chief executive

AFP, Harare

Former Rhodesia and Zimbabwe fast bowler Vincent Hogg has been appointed as the new chief executive of the Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU).

The 51-year-old Hogg, who played international cricket here from 1972 to 1984, takes over on April 1 from David Ellman-Brown who quit in January this year.

TV GUIDE

BTV	
2:10	News Headlines
2:15	Deshur Gaan
2:20	Open University
2:45	Shasthathathya
3:00	Ta Ta Tho! Tho!
3:25	Cartoon: Samurai X
3:40	Shukhi Poribar
4:00	Khabar
4:05	Ityadi
4:30	Live telecast of the 2 nd parliamentary sessions from the 8 th National Parliament
5:00	News Headlines
6:00	Khabar
6:35	Dharma O' Jibon
7:00	News Headlines
7:05	Ei Prithibi
7:30	Shondha Maloti
8:00	News in Bengali
8:30	Ocean Girl
9:00	News Headlines
9:05	Drama Serial: Otophor Tahara
9:30	Shurer Akashe
10:00	News at Ten
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11:00	Shur Lohon
11:30	Khabar / The News
EKUSHEY	
12:00pm	Ekushey Midday
12:30	Desjire Shonglap
1:00	Ekushey Headlines
1:05	Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
1:30	Documentary Programme : Japan Video Tropic
1:50	Classic Cartoons
2:10	Surer Prodeep
2:40	Drishiti
3:00	Ekushey Headlines
3:05	Drama Serial
3:30	Chips & Bytes
4:00	Surer Prodeep
4:30	Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
5:00	Circus Circus
5:30	Drishiti
5:50	Ajker Potrikyar
6:00	Ekushey Headlines
6:35	Classic Cartoons
6:50	Radhunee Rannaghor
6:55	Ekushey Headlines
7:00	Desjire
7:30	Ekushey Shongbad
8:00	Ekushey News
8:05	Drama : Bibikta
8:30	Serial : Alif Laila
9:00	News: Simulcast from BTV
10:30	To be Confirmed
11:00	Ekushey Late Night News
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12:30	Ekushey News Headlines

HBO	
6:30	Tanted Blood
8:15	Bram Stoker's Burialof the Rats
10:00	Race the Sun
12:00	Kidnapped in Para
2:00	Basketball
4:00	Miracle onthe Moun-tain: The Kincald Family story
5:45	Billy Madison
7:30	One True Thing
10:00	Top Gun
12:15	Sleepy Hollow
2:30	Runaway Tran
4:45	Billy Madison
BBC WORLD	
6:00	BBC News
6:30	World Business Report
7:00	BBC News
7:30	The Car's The Star ex Top Gear
8:00	BBC News
8:30	Simpson's World
9:00	Directs ex World Rev
9:30	BBC News
9:30	Asia Today
10:00	BBC News
10:30	Mastermind India
11:00	BBC News
11:30	World Business
12:00	Report/Talking Movies
12:00	BBC News
12:30	World Business
1:00	Report/Sport Today
1:30	BBC News
1:30	Hardtalk
2:00	BBC News
2:30	Click Online
3:00	BBC News
3:30	World Business Report
4:00	BBC News
4:30	Asia Business
5:00	Report/World Business
5:00	BBC News
5:30	Asian Business
5:30	Report/Asia Today
STAR GOLD	
7:30am	Karz Chukana Hai (Govinda, Juthi Chawla)
10:30	Bollywood News
11:00	Geet Bahar
12:00	Hamani Yaad Aayegi (Tanuja, Ashok)

3:00pmBollywood News	
4:00	27 Down (Rakhee, Mk Raina)
7:00	Geet Bahar
7:30	Lamhe Pyaar Ke : Jheel Ke Us Paar (Dhamendra, Mumtaz)
11:00	Bollywood News
11:30	Meri Bhabh (Sunl Dutt, Waheeda Rehman)
STAR PLUS	
6:00am	Sanskriti
6:30	Geet Bahar
7:30	Hum Saath Aath Hain
8:00	Aatma
9:00	Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
9:30	Fox Kids Daily
10:10	Hit Geet
10:30	Kya Film Kya Geet
10:30	Small Wonder
11:00	Main
11:30	Meri Saheli
12:00	Shanti
12:30	Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
1:00	Hum Saath Aath Hain
1:30	Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
2:00	Sanskriti
2:30	Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
3:00	Shagun
3:35	Film Toppers
3:30	Kasauti Zindagi Kay
4:00	Kabhi Sauten Kabhi Saheli
4:30	Kaahin Kissii Roz
5:00	Meri Saheli
5:30	Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
6:00	Small Wonder
6:30	Fox Kids
7:20	Aaj Ki Baat
7:25	Kya Kilm Kya Geet
7:30	Sanskriti
7:55	Film Toppers
8:00	Hum Saath Aath Hain
8:30	Kundali
9:00	Kasauti Zindagi Kay
9:30	Kismey Kitnaa Hai Dam
10:30	Kahani Ghar Ghar Kii (Govinda, Juthi Chawla)
11:00	Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30	Kaahin Kissi Roz
12:00	Film Toppers
12:05	Aaj Ki Baat

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS	
	
EKUSHEY: 8:05p.m. <i>Bibikta</i> . Shimu, a young woman comes to Dhaka for a job interview. She plans to stay at her only relative's place. But when she arrives in Dhaka she finds out they all went to India for treatment. She asks their neighbors to let her spend the night at their house and she was refused. Then she plans to stay in a hotel. But the hotel also refuses to give her a room. It was not over yet the biggest mishap was yet to happen.	
	
STAR WORLD: 6:00 & 9:30p.m. <i>Roswell</i> . July 3, 1947: The crash of a spaceship, an event officially but never effectively denied by the United States government, this is the story of Roswell. In tonight's episode Max and the others start following Tess, thinking she is Nasedo, the evil shape-shifter.	
	
AXN: 10:30p.m. <i>Ghost Story</i> . Four elderly men who gather once a week to thrill each other with tales of terror find one of their scariest stories coming to life as a woman they mistakenly left for dead fifty years earlier returns to life to gain revenge. A superior, chilling horror film. Based on a novel by Peter Straub.	
PICK OF THE DAY	
	
One True Thing On HBO at 7:30p.m. When a tough New Yorker's (Renee Zellweger) mother (Meryl Streep) is stricken with a serious illness, she is forced to quit her job and her relationship with her boyfriend to take care of her, finding out a lot of things she didn't know about her mother and father (William Hurt) and her life along the way.	
STAR WORLD	
6:00am	Happy Days
6:30	3 rd Rock From The Sun
7:00	The Oprah Winfrey Show
8:00	MacGyver
9:00	The Drew Carry Show
9:30	Whose Lne is It Any-way
10:00	Ally McBeal
11:00	The Oprah Winfrey Show
12:00pm	The Practice
1:00	Caroline In The City
1:30	The Bold & The Beautiful
2:00	Mork & Mindy
2:30	Happy Days
3:00	Baywatch
4:00	The Simpsons
4:30	3 rd Rock From The Sun
5:00	Star News Asia
5:30	Friends
6:00	Roswell
6:55	Star News Asia
7:00	Angel
8:00	Martial Law
9:00	Friends
9:30	Roswell
10:30	Angel
CHANNEL [V]	
8:00am	[V] Back to Back
8:30	[V] Jupstart
9:30	[V] Hit Machine
10:00	[V] Back to Back
10:30	[V] Hit Machine
11:00	[V] Back to Back
11:30	[V] Hit Machine
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC	
6:30am	Wild Zambezi
7:30	Out There
8:00	Africa From The Ground Up
8:30	Endangered
STAR VIJAY	
6:00am	Ninai Thale Innikum
6:27	Udaya Geetham
6:30	Samarpanam
8:00	Mudhal Pradhi
8:30	Mudhal Vanakkam
STAR MOVIES	
6:30	Finders Fee
8:30	Deuce Bigalow Male Gigolo
10:00	Casper a Spirited Beginning
11:30	Renegades
1:15	Angelas Ashes
3:45	Anywhere But Here
5:30	Choke
7:00	Shanghai Noon
9:30	Skin Deep
10:30	Deuce Bigalow Male Gigolo
12:30	Working Girl
AXN	
6:30	Movie: Taxi Driver
8:30	Core Culture
9:30	CSI Cool Change
10:30	Xena
11:30	Pacific Blue III
12:30	Fear Factor
1:30	CSI Cool Change
2:30	Movie: Taxi Driver
4:30	High Action Adrenalin
5:30	Fear Facto
6:30	Core Culture
7:30	Pacific Blue III, Cop in a Bos
8:30	Best of CSI, Crate & Burial
STAR MOVIES	
7:30	Scariest Places On Earth
10:30	Thu Horror Movie : Ghost Story
11:30	Dina Palan
12:00pm	Om namah Shivaya
12:30	Payanam
1:00	Kavyanjali
1:30	Kudumbam Oru Kovil
2:00	Agni Sakshi
2:30	Movie: (Vyazhan Kondattam) Vellaipa Thevan
5:30	Vijay Talkies
6:00	NGC
7:00	Mr & Mrs Public
7:30	Vijay Sethigal
8:00	Agni Satchi
8:30	Kavyanjali
9:00	Nadhi Enge Pogiradhu
9:30	Marumagal
10:00	Kudumbam Oru Kovil
10:30	Bst of Nayyandi Durbur
11:00	Om Namah Shivaya
11:30	Vijay Sethigal
12:00am	Star Hits
STAR MOVIES	
7:00	Wild on the Set III
7:30	Animal Doctor II
8:00	Vets on the Wild Side II
8:30	Animal Planet Safari
9:30	Tamed N Trained Thursday
11:00	Animals A-Z
11:30	Animal People II
12:00	Wild Rescues III
12:30	Planet's Funniest Animals
1:00	All Bird TV
1:30	The Aquanauts
2:00	Battersea Dogs Home
2:30	Monkey Business
3:00	Natural World
4:00	Vets in Practice
4:30	Jeff Corwin Experience
5:30	Tamed N Trained Thursday
7:00	Animal Hospital
7:30	Battersea Dogs Home
8:00	Animal Planet Safari
9:00	Killing For A Living
10:00	Vets in Practice
10:30	Jeff Corwin Experience
12:00	Tamed N Trained Thursday
7:00	Going Wild With Jeff Corwin
STAR MOVIES	
7:30	Wild Discovery
8:30	Lonely Planet V
9:30	Ultimate Guide
10:30	Understanding
11:30	Champions of the Wild
12:00	All Bird TV
12:30	Travel Time
1:30	Woman's Hour
2:30	Wild Discovery
3:30	Popular Mechanics for Kids
4:00	Going Wild With Jeff Corwin
4:30	War Zone
5:30	Lonely Planet V
6:30	Champions of the Wild
7:00	All Bird TV
7:30	Wild Discovery
8:30	Ushuaia
9:30	Ultimate Guide
10:30	Daring Capers
11:30	War Zone
SONY	
6:30	Music Mantra
7:00	Chartbusters
7:30	Amrit Varsha
8:00	Sant Asaram Vani
8:30	Charbuster
9:00	Good Morning Disney
10:00	Music Mantra
10:30	Family No. 1
11:00	Choodiyan
11:30	Dil Hai Ki Maanta Nahin
12:00	Saaya
12:30	The Good Home Show
1:00	Kkusum
1:30	Ek Mahal Ho Sapano Ka
2:00	Kutumb
2:30	Chamatkaar
3:00	Hubahu
3:30	Thoda Hai... Thoda Ki
4:00	Chot si Asha
4:30	Spash
5:00	Jaane Kahan Mera Jigar
5:30	Gaya jee
6:00	C.A. T.S
6:30	Just Mohabbat
7:00	Disney Hour
7:30	Charbusters
8:00	Music Mantra
8:30	Dekh Bhai Dekh
9:00	Hubahu
9:30	Kkusum
10:00	Kutumb
10:30	Aahat Specials