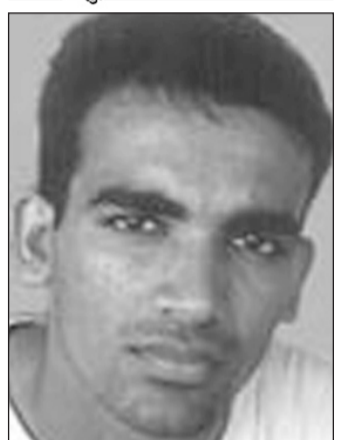




Did U Know?

Indian little master Sunil Gavaskar holds the record of scoring most runs in a debut Test series. He scored 774 runs at an average of 154.80 in four Tests against the West Indies in 1970-71.



Zaheer Khan

(Currently India's premier bowler pace bowler)

"Any bowler is going to be hit. I have had to take a very high responsibility, not only in terms of leading the bowling, but also while training."



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English Premier Football League
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First Test, Day Four
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Booters back home

Captain, coach refuse to own criticism

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh football team returned home yesterday but both the coach and the players refused to own the blame for the disappointing performance in the 14th Asian Games at Busan.

Bangladesh lost all of their three Group C matches in the continental festival including a 0-3 drubbing by their bitter rivals India in the opening game on September 27. They suffered the same margin defeat against China in their second match before going down to Turkmenistan 3-1.

"The Busan Games was a rude eye-opener for us as we could know now where our position in international football really is. Even it was not unexpected to lose against India badly since our neighbours showed a mark of improvement during the last one year," said Bangladesh captain Alfaz Ahmed on the team's arrival at the Zia International Airport at noon.

Alfaz also made no secret about the fact that Bangladesh actually adopted the strategy to concede fewer goals for avoiding embarrassment in the 25-team competition.

He also flatly refuted the statement of manager Kazi Usha Mishu that Bangladesh played better game against India.

"We were better at defending our fort for the first 45 minutes. But the Indians definitely showed that they belong to a different league now," said a witty Alfaz.

He also observed that the success story of India, who only a year ago belonged to the same league of Bangladesh, revolved round a long-term training and a sincere effort from their football organisers.

While the Indian team trained together for the last 12 months under British coach Constantine and played a series of matches before travelling to Busan, Bangladesh walked on to the big stage without a single day's preparation.

"We did not even practice together for a single day and played only one practice match in Thailand before the big show. Besides, the players were burnt out after the marathon league. So, the result was not unexpected", Alfaz said.

He however claimed that the present team has the potential of playing better provided that they are trained properly.

When Alfaz lamented the total lack of preparation coach George Kottan declined to be the scapegoat for the Busan debacle.

Kottan came under fire after the manager reported that the Austrian made some offending remarks

against the country at the post-match briefing after the defeat against India.

"I have made no such remark that goes against Bangladesh's image. It was true that I was angry after the defeat against India. But I have blasted only the format of the domestic competition," said Kottan adding that he felt Bangladesh was his second home.

Kottan, who has just completed his second year as an AFC sponsored coach for Bangladesh, was upset at not being allowed to have the players together for at least a month before the competition. He was also critical at the role of the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF), who failed to convince the Dhaka clubs to let their players train under him during the Premier League.

Kazi Mishu meanwhile refused to make any comment over Kottan's alleged remarks that he addressed to BFF officials. He only said that he would file his report soon.

The BFF president SA Sultan meanwhile said that he would only entertain such report provided that it contains approval from the BOA (Bangladesh Olympic Association) Secretary General Jafar Imam and Chef-de Mission of Bangladesh Rezaul Haider.

The BFF will meet on October 9.

BFF plans payroll

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) is planning to bring the national booters on its payroll from next year.

"We will decide the number of players and actual salary after we meet the sports minister. But we must introduce it for uplifting the standard of the game in the country," said BFF president SA Sultan yesterday.

The BFF took the initiative after a bitter experience with the Dhaka clubs who refused to release their players for national duty.

It was learnt that the BFF would be offering at least 25 players a yearly deal worth Taka 20000 for Category A contract.

Sanowara soccer Muktis in semis

CU CORRESPONDENT

Muktijoddha Krira Chakra (Red) defeated Satabdhi Gosthi 2-1 at the MA Aziz Stadium to reach the semi-finals of the CJKS Sanowara Diploma Milk Powder Kishore Football League yesterday.

The other three teams in semi-finals are Abahani Krira Chakra Junior, Custom Excise and VAT Junior and Kallol Sangha Green.

Rubel and Ismail struck one goal apiece of Muktijoddha while Monir reduced the margin of defeat.

The two semi-finals of the tournament will be held at floodlit MA Aziz stadium tomorrow.

In the first semifinal the Abahani Krira Chakra Junior will fight with the Customs Exercise and Vat Club Junior at 5 pm. The second semifinal will be held between Kollol Sangha Green will face the Muktijoddha Krira Chakra (Red) at 6.15 pm.

The final is on October 9.

Shoaib Express

Cricket

REUTERS, Colombo

Pakistan fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar said last month he had had enough of chasing speed records and wanted to concentrate on taking wickets consistently.

Australia felt the brunt of that attitude on Saturday when the player known as the "Rawalpindi Express" ripped through their batting order.

In a lightning performance that turned the first Test on its head, Shoaib took five wickets in 15 balls as Australia slumped to 127 all out, leaving Pakistan two days to score 316 runs for the win.

Australia were cruising along at 74 for one and looking to set a huge target when Shoaib was handed the ball and began one of his lengthy run-ups with his long hair flopping in the wind.

The first to feel the heat was Ricky Ponting, the first innings century maker with 141 runs, who

was out for just seven after edging a ball on to his stumps.

Then there were back-to-back ducks for Mark Waugh and his brother Steve, both battling to hang onto their Test spots after being dropped from Australia's one-day side.

Mark Waugh could only watch as he was clean bowled by a 145 kph first ball, while Steve managed to avoid gifting Shoaib the hat-trick before being judged out on an lbw decision.

After spinner Saqlain Mushtaq took out Matthew Hayden, Shoaib went back to work, bowling Adam Gilchrist for five then trapping Shane Warne for an lbw duck.

Shoaib finished with five wickets for 21 runs after taking three for 51 in the first innings that blunted what looked to be a huge Australian total at one time.

His performance overshadowed an amazing stretch by Warne, who took out Pakistan's last five batsman for a haul of seven for 94.

Shoaib made his Test debut



BREATHING FIRE: Pakistan fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar sends down yet another fearsome delivery against Australia on the third day of the Colombo Test yesterday.

Hinds hammers Board XI

Cricket

REUTERS/AFP, Bangalore

Opener Wavell Hinds scored a sizzling 147, including four sixes, in a West Indies total of 341 for two in the second day of their three-day tour opener against an Indian Board Presidents XI.

The left-hander hit 17 boundaries in his 187-ball knock and starred in two century partnerships as the West Indies top order gained useful batting practice in their only warm-up game before the first test in Bombay starting on October 9.

Hinds compiled 128 for the first wicket with Chris Gayle (62) and 150 for the second with Ramnareh Sarwan (93 not out) to put his team in command in reply to the home side's 275 for eight declared.

West Indies, 20 without loss overnight, lost Gayle before the lunch interval when he hit off-spinner Sarandeep Singh for a six but was caught at mid-off by skipper Mohammad Kaif while going for a repeat shot.

Hinds trailed Gayle during the day's first hour but raced past his

partner with a flurry of boundaries, which included two exquisite square drives off medium-pacer Sanjay Bangar.

The 26-year-old Jamaican Hinds hit leg spinner Amit Mishra for a six over mid-off and punished left-arm spinner Murali Kartik for his of four sixes to raise his century off 132 balls.

But Kartik got his revenge having Hinds trapped lbw with a ball that held on to its line.

Sarwan, who looked rock-solid in defence and deftly mixed caution with aggression, hit Kartik for a six over mid-on and then for two fours through the off-side later in the same over.

Sarandeep's seasoned off-spin did no wonders after lunch as Sarwan drove him to long-on and pulled him to mid-wicket for consecutive fours.

Mishra maintained a tight line with his flighted deliveries but failed to get a wicket even though he troubled left-hander Shivnarine Chanderepaul (20 not out).

Mishra, who earned a place in the squad for the first two matches of the three-test series between India and West Indies, ended the day giving away 58

runs from 19 overs.

The second test will be played in Madras (October 17 to 21) and the third in Calcutta (October 30 to November 3).

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of a three-day cricket match between the West Indies and the Indian Board President's XI at the Chinnaswamy Stadium on Saturday:

INDIAN BOARD PRESIDENT'S XI: First innings 275 for 8 declared (D Mongia 101 not out, H Badani 67; M Dillon 2-53, J Lawson 2-57)

WEST INDIES: First innings (over-night 20-0)
Gayle c Bangar b Singh 62
Hinds lbw b Kartik 147
Sarwan not out 93
Chanderepaul not out 20
Extras: (b-2, lb-6, nb-11) 19
Total: (For 2 wks 95 overs) 341
Fall of wickets: 1-128, 2-276

Table with columns: Bowler, O, M, R, W. Lists bowlers like Bangar, Balaji, Sarandeep, Yohannan, Kartik, Mishra with their respective over, maidens, runs, and wickets.

GAMES BAG

14th Asian Games BUSAN 2002

Mixed day in kabadi

BSS, Busan

Bangladesh outplayed Malaysia 46-7, but that was after they had lost 14-37 to India in the men's preliminary round of Kabadi competition in the 14th Asian Games at Tongmyong University of Information Technology Ground yesterday.

In the first match against India, Bangladesh got no Ionas while India garnered six Ionas. Bangladesh's total out was 14 while India made 31 outs.

India led the first half 24-7. In the second match, Bangladesh overwhelmed Malaysia displaying brilliant brand of game.

Bangladesh led the first half 12-2. They got eight Ionas but fetched 7 outs.

After the match, Coach Abdul Jailil expressed the hope that Bangladesh would get a medal if all goes well.

Bangladesh play Japan today. In two other matches in the preliminary round, Pakistan beat Japan 21-12 and defeated Sri Lanka 20-6.

SHOOTING

Shoaibuzzaman and Anwaruzzaman became 48th and 50th respectively in the men's 50m rifle prone shooting event in the Asian Games at the Changwon International Shooting Range yesterday.

Shoaibuzzaman got the position scoring 571 points, while Anwaruzzaman bagging 568 points. Shoaibuzzaman's series score was 94, 96, 95, 98, 95, 93, while Anwaruzzaman's 93, 96, 94, 94, 95. Fifty-one shooters took part in the event.

BOXING

Nabab Ali of Bangladesh was beaten by Somchai Chimulan of Thailand by 19.4 points in the 75 kg middleweight in the Asian Games boxing bout at Masan Gymnasium yesterday.

Tri-series cricket U-17s lose again

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Under-17 team completed their run of defeats when they lost to hosts Sri Lanka by two wickets at the Dambulla Stadium in Colombo yesterday.

Batting first, Bangladesh colts scored 216 before being all out in 49.4 overs. In reply, the home side reached the victory target with two overs to spare.

Pavel top-scored for the visitors with 76 and Himel contributed 40.

In was Bangladesh's fourth defeat and twice against Sri Lanka. They also lost their other two games against India in the tri-nation tournament.

Games hockey BD take on China today

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh will take on China in their last group match of the 14th Asian Games men's field hockey competition today.

Bangladesh lost their first match against Malaysia by 1-6 and suffered a humiliating 0-9 defeat to seven times champions Pakistan.

Green Delta Div II hockey

BSS, Dhaka

Raktim Sangha defeated Cantonian Club 3-1 in the Green Delta Insurance Second Division Hockey League at Maulana Bhashani National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Cantonian went ahead with Sanju scoring in the 27th minute but four minutes later Hossain scored for the winners to make it 1-1.

Raju and Belal scored one goal each in the second half to seal a 3-1 victory for Raktim Sangha. Bachelors Club thrashed Dhaka Hockey Club 5-1 in the second match of the day.

Muhid opened account for Bachelors in the 11th minute but the Dhaka side equalised the margin through Shariful Islam in the 27th minute.

Bachelors mounted pressure in the second session and scored four goals.

Shahed doubled the lead for Bachelors shortly after the break. Roman made it 3-1 scoring in the 52nd minute while Latif netted in the 58th minute.

Kasef completed Dhaka Club's misery as he scored the fifth for the winners just two minutes from the final whistle.



Bangladesh and India players are engaged in a kabadi brawl during their Asian Games fixture at Tongmyong University of Information Technology ground in Busan yesterday.

Akhtar tears Aus apart

Cricket

AFP, Colombo

Pakistani tearaway Shoaib Akhtar grabbed five wickets in 15 balls to cause a dramatic Australian collapse in the first cricket Test here on Saturday.

Australia, comfortably placed at 74-1 in their second knock, slipped to 89-7 before being shot out for 127 in 39.5 overs at tea on the third day.

Set a victory target of 316, Pakistan will begin their chase on Sunday morning after rain washed out the entire last session.

Earlier, leg-spinner Shane Warne took 7-94 but failed to prevent Pakistan from saving the follow-on in the morning session.

Starting the day at 210-5, still needing 58 to make Australia bat

dangerous full toss which earned the bowler a warning from umpire Steve Bucknor.

Warne, who picked up all five wickets of the morning, claimed his 22nd haul of five or more wickets in an innings.

The champion spinner now has 457 Test wickets, second only to world record holder Courtney Walsh of the West Indies, who retired last season with a tally of 519.

Australia dropped three catches to let Pakistan off the hook after Faisal Iqbal, Friday's batting hero, was dismissed by Warne in the day's second over.

Iqbal added just five runs to his overnight score of 78 when he was caught in the slips by Mark Waugh.

Iqbal, whose 83 came off just 85 balls, could have gone with the day's fourth delivery when he edged Glenn McGrath through the slip cordon between Warne and Mark Waugh.

Rashid Latif, who went on to hit a defiant 66, was dropped by Ponting at third slip and Hayden in the gully. Both fielders failed to sight the ball due to the red advertising hoarding in the background.



Mark Waugh's balls are sent flying by a Shoaib Akhtar yorker on the third day of the first Test between Australia and Pakistan in Colombo.

again. Pakistan survived an anxious first hour before being all out for 279 in their first innings.

Akhtar, nicknamed the Rawalpindi Express, sliced through the middle-order in a sensational burst that included removing the under-pressure Waugh twins for zeroes in three deliveries.

Akhtar finished with five for 21 from eight overs, while off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq claimed four for 46.

Venkataraghavan. As Hayden stood his ground, television replays indicated the ball may have gone off the batsman's forearm instead of the gloves.

But there was no respite for the Aussies at the other end as Akhtar clean bowled Adam Gilchrist for five and trapped Shane Warne leg-before-zero.

Brett Lee, who had hit batsman Akhtar on the helmet with a bouncer in the morning, was greeted by a

Srinath back in Test fold

Cricket

REUTERS, Bangalore

Fast bowler Javagal Srinath has returned from test retirement for the first two games of a three-test home series against West Indies starting in Bombay next week.

The 33-year-old Srinath was included in a 14-player squad named by the national selectors on Saturday. Srinath, who announced his retirement in June after a five-test West Indies series, recently reversed his decision, the Indian board secretary Karunakaran Nair told reporters after the selection meeting.

"He has sent a letter to the board saying he is reconsidering his decision and will be available for the West Indies series," Nair said.

Srinath has taken 232 wickets at 30.46 runs apiece in 64 tests to be India's second most successful fast bowler behind Kapil Dev's record test haul of 434.

He abruptly retired from tests on his return from West Indies but he was keen to continue playing one-day games to be in contention for next year's World Cup in South Africa.

Uncapped Amit Mishra was included as the second leg spinner along with Anil Kumble in the only other change made by the selectors from the squad which drew 1-1 in England.

The talented 19-year-old who plays for the northern Haryana state in the national Ranji trophy competition, came into contention after bagging 67 wickets from 15 games.

Mishra was also impressive in a side game against the touring Zimbabwe early this year and pundits seem him as a possible successor to Kumble in the national side.

The selectors axed wicketkeeper Ajay Ratna from the squad which toured England.

The first test will be played from October 9 to 13 followed by matches in Madras (October 17 to 21) and Calcutta (October 30 to November 3).

SQUAD

Saurav Ganguly (captain), Shiv Sundar Das, Sanjay Bangar, Virender Sehwag, Rahul Dravid, Sachin Tendulkar, Vangipurappu Laxman, Pariv Patel, Anil Kumble, Harbhajan Singh, Zaheer Khan, Javagal Srinath, Ashish Nehra, Amit Mishra.



JAVAGAL SRINATH

Trophy final against hosts Sri Lanka last weekend as a replacement for injured left-arm seamer Ashish Nehra.

Nehra, who was ruled out because of a torn webbing in his bowling hand, will be considered only if he passes a fitness test on Monday.