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Dismissals or sending-offs didn't help much in the Brazil-Hungary game in 1954. Three players were sent off, but by today's standard the number would have been much higher. The match produced disgraceful scenes and was later dubbed as "The battle of Berne." The players were still fighting on their way back to the dressing rooms after the final whistle! Hungary won the match 4-2.



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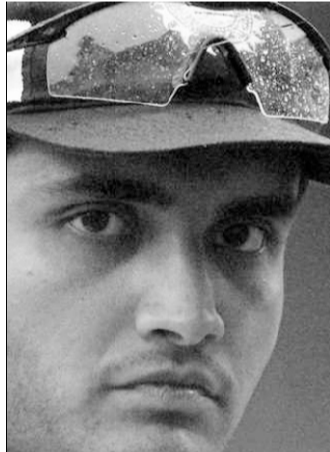
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Talk Turkey



Saurav Ganguly
(India cricket captain)
"The World Cup is not life. It is, like the rest, just another tournament. It is too far-fetched to raise hopes too high and it is too early to start thinking about winning World Cup."
While denying he was under pressure to win the tournament despite leading his team to remarkable successes in recent one-day tournaments.



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Kabadi's silver lining

14th Asian Games
BUSAN 2002

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh finally had something to write home about when the kabadi team grabbed the silver medal at the 14th Asian Games in Busan yesterday.

They erased the memory of their shock 22-15 defeat against newcomers Japan on Sunday, by powering past Sri Lanka 55-15 in their final round robin match at the Tongmyong University of Information Technology court.

Earlier India maintained their status as the number one kabadi nation with an awesome display over Pakistan. The four-time champions recorded an emphatic 37-7 victory.

Pakistan, who won silver at the expense of Bangladesh in the Bangkok Games four years ago,

had to be satisfied with bronze this time.

It did not take very long for Bangladesh to establish their control over the Lankans in the South Korean port city.

The attack led by Ziaur, Zahidul and Rabiul left their opponents clueless. In the defence captain Badsha, Tariqul and Al Mamun were virtually impregnable.

The one-sided affair gave Bangladesh a commanding 30-5 lead before the breather. They got 10 lonas – six in the first half and four in the second half – and made 45 outs. On the other hand, Sri Lanka got no lona, but had 15 outs.

In another match, Malaysia sent Japan crashing to a 14-5 defeat.

Bangladesh, who bagged silver when the sport made its debut in the 1990 Beijing Games and at the Hiroshima four years later, registered three wins and two losses.

As soon as the game was over, expatriate fans joined the players and officials in celebrations.

Talking to BSS coach Abdul Jaill said that he was overjoyed. "In 1994, I was a player in the team that fetched silver."

SHOOTING

Away at the Chugwon General Shooting Range it was more doom and gloom for the Bangladesh shooters as Anwaruzzaman finished last among the forty competitors. He scored 1077 points while compatriot M Suyabuzzaman became 39th scoring 1097 in the 50m rifle three position qualification rounds. They lagged far behind Turkmenistan's Igor Pirekeev. He scored 1266.9 points to clinch the gold medal. He beat off the challenge of China's Yao Ye (1260.5) and Korean Park Bong-duk (1256.8).

WRESTLING

Kamal Hossain became an early casualty when he was beaten by Erazj Davlyatov of Tajikistan in the first round of the 66-kg freestyle competition at the Yangsan Gymnasium.



PHOTO: AKM MOHSIN

Scene from the 14th Asian Games 50-metre rifle three position qualification competition at the Chugwon General Shooting Range yesterday.

Waugh wary of tougher Pakistan

INTERNET, undated

Australian skipper Steve Waugh predicted his side would find it even more difficult against Pakistan in Sharjah after coming out on top in the opening match of a three-Test series on Monday.

They looked in danger of defeat in Colombo with Pakistan requiring only 137 on the final day and seven wickets remaining.

But Australia's bowling attack turned the match their way with Glenn McGrath and Jason Gillespie picking up the last five wickets to see them home by 41 runs after spinner Shane Warne had made the initial breakthrough.

Waugh admitted that rain which washed out the final session of play on the fourth day had helped his side by enabling them to regroup.

"We felt the Pakistanis were a bit pensive this morning and we knew we had to tighten the screws with a few quick wickets. Warne did that at the start," said Waugh.

"I think Pakistan should be pleased with the way they played and fought back.

"I expect a hard series in Sharjah, where conditions suit them."

He singled out Pakistan fast
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By far sub-standard

Do you have any observation regarding sports and its management in Bangladesh? Do you feel certain issues need to be addressed before time runs out? Then, hurry up and send us your burning questions, critical views and thoughtful suggestions not in excess of 400 words. Let your thought buzz at your corner, the Readers' zone.
--- Sports Editor

Bangladesh's performances thus far have been thoroughly disappointing and woeful at the highest level. Even after getting Test status about two years back, and ODI status even before that, we have not really performed to a really satisfactory world standard.

It is true we are the minnows in the cricketing world, but the gulf of difference is apparently too much to be anything but sad, and it is desperate, to say the least. Of course it has to be acknowledged that we need some time to really attain the standard.

Some may say a year, some maybe two years; others may equivocate for up to five years, to get a win in a Test match.

That is fine, but when we lose, and we always do unfortunately, it should be by respectable and not by lop-sided margins.

The causes have to be found out and remedies need to be implemented. The batsmen have been

suffering from lack of technique and discipline, as well as mental toughness. Among other habits, they must not chase balls outside the off-stump, or just fling the bat to the out-swingers, but be disciplined enough to let the balls go by, like they did in the last ODI against New Zealand.

The pacemen are not fast enough and they lack the line and length. The spinners must improve their technique. Overall, the fielding has to improve.

The players must have the mental toughness to give themselves confidence. The physical prowess depends a lot on the mental attitude, and shyness has to be overcome. We should be prudent and comfortable when taking the field, batting as well as fielding.

Let us be realistic and pragmatic. With our present standard of play we cannot hope to win Tests or one-dayers. But let's not be defeated by
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PHOTO: COURTESY

Players of Sunbeams' girls basketball team pose after emerging unbeaten champions in the Dhaka Schools Under-15 Tournament on October 4. On their way to the title, Sunbeams defeated hosts International School Dhaka 34-16, outplayed Green Herd 26-12 and crushed Bangladesh International School 52-2.



PHOTO: AKM MOHSIN

HALF WAY THERE: Bangladesh kabadi players discuss tactics during the breather in their crucial Asian Games match against Sri Lanka at the Tongmyong University of Information Technology yesterday.

Winners Club claim DSA Cup

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Winners Club won the Meghna Cement 14th DSA Cup Football Tournament final against Brothers Union after a golden goal by Manu in the seventh minute of extra time. The match was locked 1-1 after 90 minutes at the Khulna Stadium yesterday.

Earlier Manu put the winners ahead in the 37th minute for a counter-attack. But the lead lasted only three minutes when Hanif Prodan equalised for Brothers.

Khulna City Mayor Shaikh Tayebur Rahman later gave away prizes as the chief guest.

Div II hockey

BSS, Dhaka

Uttara Hockey Club blanked East End Green Club 3-0 in the Green Delta Insurance Second Division Hockey League at the Maulana Bhashani National Stadium yesterday.

All the goals came in the first session of the match with Sakil scoring twice while Raju added one. Earlier, BPWD overpowered Rayer Bazar Athletics Club 3-0 in the other match.

Inter-services volleyball

ISPR, Dhaka

Bangladesh Air Force defeated Bangladesh Navy 3-2 in the opening match of the Inter-services Volleyball Championship at the Jessore Cantonment on Sunday.

Teams from the Army and Air Force are also taking part in the four-day meet.

Prince gets ODI nod

INTERNET, undated

In-form batsman Ashwell Prince has been given a chance to stake a claim for a World Cup place by South Africa's selectors.

The left-hander has been included in the squad for the third and final one-day international against Bangladesh, which takes place in Kimberley on Wednesday.

Prince made his Test debut in the home series against Australia earlier this year, but has yet to play one-day international cricket.

He scored 87 for South Africa A in a one-day game against the tourists at the beginning of the month, however, and made 133 for Western Province against Boland last Friday.

South Africa already have an unassailable 2-0 lead following comfortable wins at Potchefstroom and Benoni and the squad shows a number of changes.

Prince and spin bowler Robin Peterson replace Dale Benkenstein and Justin Ontong, and Jonty Rhodes and Steve Elworthy return at the expense of Errol Stewart and injured Mfuneke Ngam.

All-rounder Lance Klusener was not included, but chief selector Omar Henry insisted he had been "rested, not dropped".

Henry added: "He's a valuable player and he knows where he stands with us. We're just looking at other options within the squad context."

Middle-order batsman Martin van Jaarsveld keeps his place after making his debut in Benoni on Sunday.

SQUAD

Shaun Pollock (captain), Mark Boucher, Boeta Dippenaar, Allan Donald, Steve Elworthy, Herschelle Gibbs, Jacques Kallis, Makhaya Ntini, R Peterson, Ashwell Prince, Jonty Rhodes, Graeme Smith, Martin van Jaarsveld.

Dramatic Aussie win

Cricket

AFP, Colombo

Pakistan's young cricketers found the second new ball too hot to handle as Australia won the first cricket Test by 41 runs after a tense finish here on Monday.

The Pakistanis, chasing 316 for victory, lost their last five wickets for 32 runs with the new red cherry and were shot out for 274 after lunch on the fifth and final day at the Tamil Union ground here.

Leg-spinner Shane Warne finished with 4-94 for a match haul of 11 wickets, but it was the pace duo of Glenn McGrath and Jason Gillespie who sealed Australia's win.

The remaining two Tests of the series, which was shifted out of Pakistan due to security reasons, will be played in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates from Friday.

To Pakistan's credit, they made Australia sweat for victory, despite

the 16-man squad's combined experience of 262 Tests being lower than the 275-Test tally of the Waugh twins alone.

Veteran all-rounder Wasim Akram and opener Saeed Anwar opted out of the series to take rest, although both played in a charity indoor match in England over the weekend.

Two top-notch batsmen, Inzamamul Haq and Yousuf Youhana, were sidelined with injuries.

Starting the day at 179-3, still needing 137 to win, Pakistan collapsed to 259-9 by lunch after a gripping morning session.

After Warne had taken two wickets, Australian captain Steve Waugh summoned the second new ball at 242-5 after 84 overs.

Gillespie, who shared the pace attack with McGrath, struck with his first delivery when Rashid Latif edged a simple catch to wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist after making 11.

Windies tour NSC requires Tk 48 lakh

BSS, Dhaka

The National Sports Council (NSC) needs at least Taka 48 lakh to prepare the ground, replace damaged chairs and face-lift the galleries and VIP Enclosure of the Bangabandhu National Stadium (BNS) for Bangladesh's first official home series against the West Indies next month, sources said yesterday.

After the Premier Division Super League match between Abahani and Mohammedan in September, damage estimated at around Taka 20 lakh was done by fans, a senior official of the NSC said.

"But the Bangladesh Football Federation is paying nothing from their earnings though they are supposed to give the NSC 15 per cent of their gate receipts," he said.

The West Indies will arrive here on November 26 to play two Tests and three one-day internationals in Dhaka and Chittagong.

Another frontier falls

Cricket

INTERNET, undated

It is hard to believe, but Shane Warne has only just accomplished a feat that most spin bowlers would regard as a rite of passage in Test cricket.

The Australian leg-spinner, in his

10th year at the highest level, took his career total to 461 wickets with figures of 11 for 188 against Pakistan.

It is his best performance away from home but, more surprisingly, just his first 10-wicket match haul in the subcontinent.

India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka traditionally favour spinners, but arguably the finest of them all has

rarely been at his best there.

In fact, his last trip to India almost brought an end to Warne's Test career, when he managed just 10 wickets in three Tests, struggled obviously in the heat and appeared out of condition.

Instead, opposite number Harbhajan Singh grabbed the headlines with 32 scalps as the all-conquering Australians were turned over in a 2-1 series defeat.

And it took a series against his favourite opponent, England, to revive Australia's finest.

Overall against India in India, Warne has just 20 wickets at an average of 52.25.

So why has the master spinner seemed so often out of his depth on what should be his favourite surfaces?

Warne has rarely been a happy tourist in foreign conditions, a fondness for burgers and beans proving harder to fulfill away from familiar surroundings.

But it could be his success at home, and in the similar conditions of England and New Zealand, that have left him vulnerable to batsmen who are more clued-up about spin.

Warne has often been able to simply make use of his three main deliveries to bewilder batsmen – 21 of his 31 five-wicket innings hauls
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PHOTO: AFP

H-O-W-Z-A-T? Man-of-the-match Shane Warne (L) and Damien Martyn of Australia successfully appeal for an lbw against Pakistan's Younis Khan on the fifth day of the first Test yesterday.

Wild wide

Cricket

REUTERS, Benoni

Bangladesh have denied robbing South Africa's Herschelle Gibbs of a world record of centuries in the second one-day international by bowling a wide in the dying moments of the match.

South Africa scored 155 without loss in reply to Bangladesh's 154 for nine to clinch the three series 2-0. Gibbs was stranded on 97 not out at the end.

Had Gibbs scored a century, he would have become the first player to make four consecutive limited-overs hundreds.

South Africa were 149 without loss, with Gibbs facing on 96, at the start of the last over of the match when leg spinner Alok Kapali sent a wide delivery down the leg-side.

The ball passed Gibbs untouched and beat wicketkeeper and captain Khaled Mashud before crossing the boundary to add five wides to the total and tie the scores. Gibbs drove the next delivery down the ground for a

single to end the match. Bangladesh captain Khaled Mashud denied the wide had been usual, but you would have to ask him if it was deliberate.

"I asked him (Alok Kapali) down the leg," Khaled Mashud told reporters. "Herschelle was coming down

Kapali had bowled the wide to try and prevent him from reaching a century, Gibbs said, "It was a lot wider than usual, but you would have to ask him if it was deliberate."

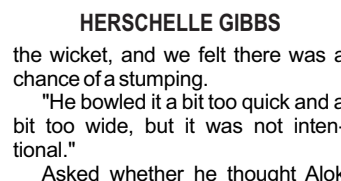
"If it was a deliberate wide, I would be very disappointed," said South African captain Shaun Pollock.

Bangladesh team officials denied the wide had been bowled on purpose.

"I spoke to the captain regarding that, and it was unintentional," team manager ASM Faruque told this news agency. "The captain had no motive about that. It was clear, absolutely clear."

Bangladesh squandered a chance to dismiss Gibbs on 36, when Tushar Imran dropped him on the square leg boundary off the bowling of medium pacer Talha Jubair.

Gibbs, who made 116 against Kenya and 116 retired against India in the Champions Trophy in Sri Lanka, scored a career best 153 in the first match of the current series in Potchefstroom on Thursday, which South Africa won by 168 runs.
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HERSCHELLE GIBBS

the wicket, and we felt there was a chance of a stumping.

"He bowled it a bit too quick and a bit too wide, but it was not intentional." Asked whether he thought Alok