



Did U Know?

Mushtaq Ali is the first Indian batsman to score a century outside India. He made 112 against England at Manchester in 1936. It was India's third Test match abroad.



What to WATCH

ESPN

UEFA Champions League
Spartak Moscow vs Liverpool
Taped Version at 8:30 am
Cricket Programming
Legends of Cricket
Repeat at 11:15 am
English Premier Football League
Leeds United vs Liverpool
Repeat at 1:30 pm
Cricket Programming
Super Selector
Repeat at 6:30 pm
English Premier Football League
Liverpool vs Tottenham Hotspur
Live at 7:55 pm
Primera Liga
Celta de Vigo vs Atletico Madrid
Live at 1:30 am (Sunday)

STAR Sports

Cricket Programming
Super Selector
Repeat at 11:00 am
Harsha Online
Cricket Talk Show
Repeat at 11:30 am
Gillette World Sports Special
Int'l Sports News
Taped Version at 2:30 pm
Asia Sport Show
Int'l Sports News
Taped Version at 3:00 pm
English Premier Football League
Arsenal vs Blackburn Rovers
Live at 7:55 pm



Gerard Houllier

(Liverpool manager)
"Michael deserves special credit for his hat-trick, to do that away from home in Europe is a special achievement."

While thanking superstriker Owen after his exploits at Spartak Moscow in the

Youngsters' day

Cricket
SPORTS REPORTER

The Development Squad of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) exhibited a spirited display of batting against Bangladesh A in the inaugural Challenge Trophy match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

At stumps on day one of the four-day game, the Development Squad, comprising under-17 and under-19 players, had reached 220 for seven in their first innings after being put in by A team skipper Aminul Islam.

Middle-order Mahmudullah demonstrated his powers of concentration top-scoring with 65. The right-hander spared none of the veterans during 197-minute stay at the crease.

He slammed nine fours during his 159-ball knock before being caught behind off the last ball of the day's play.

The unlikely wicket-taker was none other than Mehbab Hossain.

Apart from Mahmud, one-down Nazimuddin and opener Jubair Hossain also entertained the holiday crowd.

Nazim scored 45 off 79 balls with seven boundaries while a watchful Jubair's contribution was 41 in 175 minutes. It contained five hits across the rope.

Together, the right-hand pair added 57 runs for the second wicket after the youngsters found themselves in trouble on 29 for one in the 15th over.

Left-arm spinner Enamul Hoque ended the partnership when he trapped Nazim leg before in the 46th over.

The Development team then saw four quick wickets tumble with the scoreboard reading 86 for one.

Veteran Enamul did the damage claiming three of them.
He sent back Kabi Khan (2) and Kamrul (0) to leave the Development boys reeling at 109 for five.

However, Mahmud and middle-

order batsman Shamimul Haque set about repairing the innings.

Their threatening stand, which took the total to 194, came to a premature end when Shamim offered a simple catch to Aminul Islam at mid-off while trying to drive Hasibul over long off.

Shamim's 22 in 123 minutes featured three boundaries.

Enamul returned with the best bowling figures with three for 45 from his 31 overs.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first day of the four-day Challenge Trophy match between Bangladesh A and BCB Development Squad at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium on Friday:
DEVELOPMENT SQUAD: First innings
Jahurul c Aminul b Ehsanul 11

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Mahmudullah of BCB Development Squad watches the ball go past Bangladesh A wicketkeeper Anwar Hossain during the opening day's play of their Challenge Trophy fixture at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Poor post-lunch show

Cricket
AFP, Potchefstroom

Bangladesh lost three wickets in nine balls as they squandered a good start on the first day of the second and final Test against South Africa at the North West Stadium Friday.

Bangladesh were 179 for six at tea after racing to 136 for the loss of one wicket.

The key moment came in the third over after lunch when Hannan Sarkar was caught at second slip by Jacques Kallis off Makhaya Ntini for a Test-best 65.

Two balls later Ntini trapped Sanwar Hossain lbw without scoring, and at the end of the next over Habibul Bashar played a loose shot against South African captain Shaun Pollock and was caught behind by Mark Boucher for 40.

The momentum of the innings slowed dramatically as Bangladesh captain Khaled Mashud and new cap Rafiqul Islam battled for more than an hour to add 22 runs before Islam steered a catch to Herschelle Gibbs at backward point off Kallis after making six.

Mashud followed soon afterwards when he gloved a catch to Martin van Jaarsveld at gully off Kallis for 20.

The first part of the day belonged to Bangladesh, however, as Al Sahariar (30), Sarkar and Bashar

attacked the South African bowlers after Mashud won the toss and batted on a good batting pitch.

Al Sahariar, who top-scored with 71 in the second innings when Bangladesh were beaten by an innings and 107 runs in the first Test in East London last weekend, was in sparkling form as he made 30 in an opening stand of 52 with Sarkar, only the second half-century opening stand by Bangladesh in Tests.

Al Sahariar was given out to the second ball bowled by first-change fast bowler Mornantau Hayward.

The ball looped off his thigh pad to Graeme Smith at third slip and he was given out by Australian umpire Daryl Harper as the South Africans claimed the ball had brushed his glove.

Television replays suggested Al Sahariar was unlucky but four balls later new batsman Habibul Bashar appeared to glove a ball down the leg-side to wicketkeeper Mark Boucher and was given not out.

Sarkar and Bashar then added 84 for the second wicket with aggressive strokeplay.

Sarkar, who replaced Javed Omar from the first Test team, survived two hard chances, to Van Jaarsveld at third slip when he had made five and to Smith at short cover off Hayward when he was on 26. He was on 17 when he suffered a cut chin when a bouncer from Ntini struck the grille of his helmet.

Sarkar, playing in his third Test, reached his second Test half-

century off 69 balls with eight fours and went past his previous highest score of 55 against Sri Lanka in Colombo earlier this year.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the first day of the second and final Test between Bangladesh and South Africa at the North West Stadium in Potchefstroom on Friday:
BANGLADESH: First innings
Hannan c Kallis b Ntini 65
Al Sahariar c Smith b Hayward 30
Bashar c Boucher b Pollock 40
Mashud c Van Jaarsveld b Kallis 20
Rafiqul c Gibbs b Kallis 6
Imran not out 7
Kapali not out 6
Extras: (b-4, nb-1) 15
Total: (For 6 wks in 54 overs) 179

Fall of wickets: 1-52, 2-136, 3-136, 4-140, 5-162, 6-169

To bat: S Hossain, T Baisya, M Islam, T Jubair

Bowler
Pollock 12 4 36 1
Ntini 17 4 53 2
Hayward 10 1 53 1
Kallis 13 4 26 2
Henderson 2 0 7 0

SOUTH AFRICA: Shaun Pollock, Herschelle Gibbs, Graeme Smith, Gary Kirsten, Jacques Kallis, Ashwell Prince, Martin van Jaarsveld, Mark Boucher, Claude Henderson, Mornantau Hayward, Makhaya Ntini

Umpires: Daryl Harper (Australia) and Russell Tiffin (Zimbabwe).



OUCH! Hannan Sarkar, the Bangladesh opener who top-scored with 65, appears to have lost his balance after being hit on the helmet by a rising delivery on the opening day of the second Test against South Africa at Potchefstroom yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Khulna soccer

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Young Boys Club defeated Town Club 3-2 in the Meghna Cement Senior Division Football League at the Khulna Stadium yesterday.

The league will remain postponed till November 2.

Waqar's promise

AFP, Lahore

Pakistan cricket captain Waqar Younis promised Friday to lead his humiliated side to a comeback after its 3-0 trouncing by Australia this month in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

"I promise that my team will (make a) comeback and do well in future tours because spirits are high," Waqar told a press conference in the eastern city of Lahore.

The conference was his first appearance before Pakistani journalists in the three months since his team's performance started going downhill after beating Australia in a one-day series in June.

Pakistan lost six of the 11 one-day matches that preceded the ill-fated Test series against Australia, which concluded October 22 in the UAE's Sharjah.

Its devastating defeat in Sharjah drew heavy criticism at home and prompted Pakistan Cricket Board chairman Lieutenant General Tauqir Zia to submit his resignation. President Pervez Musharraf, a patron of the board, rejected his resignation.

Waqar attributed Pakistan's defeat to inexperience and injuries, but took responsibility as captain.

"It was the worst defeat and should not have happened, but we were an inexperienced team pitted against a formidable Australian team," he said.

"Since the team didn't do well my performance as captain was also not good and I take the responsibility."

"But injuries to some key players and absence of others were also key factors in our losses."

Pakistan is now preparing for twin tours of Zimbabwe and South Africa starting November. They will play two Tests and five one-day matches against each side.

"I hope that the youngsters have learnt a lot from the series against Australia and will do their best on tours of Zimbabwe and South Africa," Waqar said.

The Pakistan Cricket Board will announce the Test squad for the Zimbabwe tour on Saturday after meetings between chairman Zia, Younis, coach Richard Pybus and senior players including Wasim Akram and Saeed Anwar.

Waqar and Anwar opted out of the series against Australia to rest but have announced their availability for the African tours.

Old DOHS cricket

PRESS RELEASE

A week-long cricket carnival got underway at the Old DOHS Sports Club ground in the city yesterday.

The day/night tournament has been organised to celebrate Old DOHS Sports Club's entry into the First Division League.

A total of eight teams: British American Tobacco, HSBC, Standard Chartered, Grindlays Bank, Gramophone, Partex Group, ACME Laboratories, BEXIMCO and Advance Aid are taking part.

The format of the friendly meet is eight-a-side and 12 overs-per-innings. The matches are played with a taped-tennis ball.
PepsiCola are sponsoring the competition.

WHIZZ KID-182 winner

Zahedul Islam

(Dhanmondi Boys High School, Dhaka)

Please produce your ID card and an attested passport size photograph while collecting the winner's prize from the Sports Desk of the Daily Star at 7:30 pm on November 2.



Challenge Trophy
Bangladesh A v Development Squad (Day two)

Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

18th Federation Cup Football Tournament
Badda Jagarani v Bangladesh Air Force (3 pm)

Muktijoddha Sangsad v Farashganj SC (5 pm)

Venue: Sher-e-Bangla Stadium. Brothers Union v Bangladesh Navy (3 pm)

Milon eats Mohammedan

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

Mohammedan Sporting Club's hopes of reaching the 18th Federation Cup semifinals suffered a major setback when Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society came back from behind to score a 4-3 win at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

Striker Murad Ahed Milon

entered the tournament's hat-trick club to sink the Premier Division champions in their crucial Group B clash.

Rahmatganj, who were relegated from the top flight this season, trailed the first half 1-2 but staged hit back to cause the biggest upset of the competition so far.

Milon opened his account from a Ritu pass in the 48th minute to equalise for the old-town outfit.

Rokonuzzaman Kanchan thought he had then re-established Mohammedan's lead with a close

range effort in the 89th minute.

But Milon refused to let the game slip away from Rahmatganj. And in the dying moments of regulation time he capitalised on a goalmouth rebound.

Milon capped a brilliant night delivering the knockout blow in the last sixty seconds of the three-minute extra time pouncing on another poor clearance after teammate Kabir struck a fierce 35-yarder.

It was the fifth hat-trick of the tournament in the last three days.

Earlier, Mohammedan played better in the first half and deserved to into the break ahead.

Farhad netted the first goal in the 13th minute while Joy stabbed the ball into the net after confusion inside the Rahmatganj box in the 35th minute.

Ritu kept Rahmatganj alive with a 32nd minute strike.

The defeat virtually makes Mohammedan's path to the last four uncertain while on the other Rahmatganj are in the driving seat.

Mohammedan have collected three points from two matches and even if they beat Badda Jagarani in their last fixture, they can only raise their tally to a maximum of six points.

For Rahmatganj their task is relatively simple; defeat Bangladesh Air Force in their last match and that would boost them to seven points from as many outings.

ARAMBAGH-3, ARMY-1

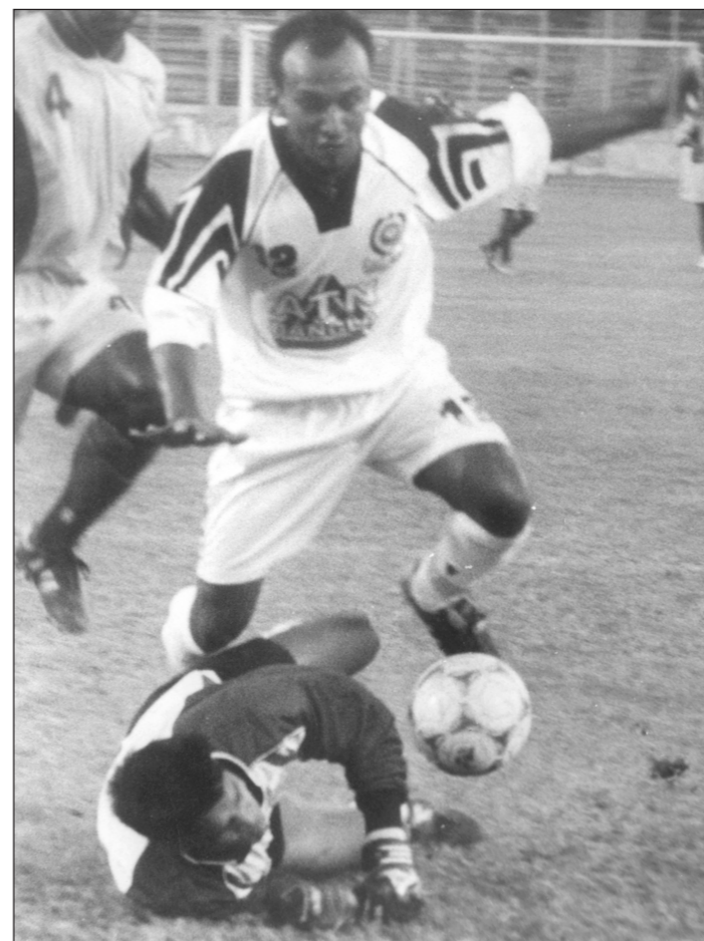
Earlier, in the day's first match at the same venue, Arambagh Krira Sangha registered a comprehensive 3-1 win over Bangladesh Army in their Group D opener.

The match was locked 1-1 during the lemon break.

Kamal put Arambagh in front with a fourth minute goal before Nasiruddin equalised for Army in the 18th minute.

Kenyan Oinu restored Arambagh's lead in the 60th minute and former national striker Mizanur Rahman Don sealed the

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Mohammedan Sporting Club's Farhad comes close to scoring against Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society in the Muktijoddha Sangsad Federation Cup football tournament at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Wasim for patience

Cricket
AFP, Karachi

Famed pacer Wasim Akram has urged his countrymen to show patience with management and back an emerging crop of youngsters as Pakistan's cricket team rebuilds after its hammering by Australia.

"The Pakistan team is going through a transition phase as youngsters are taking places of the senior players so the recent performances should not be worrying and we must not panic," Wasim, 36, told this news agency Thursday.

Pakistan have lost six of their last 11 one-day internationals and were routed 3-0 by Australia in their Golden Jubilee Test series which ended in Sharjah on Tuesday.

"I think we must back the youngsters because they are our future and need two years to get matured," said Wasim, who has taken 414 Test and 479 one-day wickets during his illustrious career.

Wasim said that despite the drubbing by Australia he saw rays of light.

"I thought Pakistan fought well in

the first Test and nearly surprised Australia but later Australia pinpointed mistakes in our team and exploited the inexperience of the youngsters," he said.

Pakistan was forced to play a young team against the formidable Australians after senior players like Wasim and Saeed Anwar opted to rest, while dependable batsmen

Colombo and then walloped Pakistan by an innings and 198 runs in the second Test in Sharjah, bowling their opponents out for record low scores of 59 and 53.

Australia wrapped up the series by an innings and 20-run win in the third and final Test of the series played at a neutral venue due to security fears in Pakistan.

Wasim brushed aside claims he ran away, fearing a thrashing from the Australians.

"It's absurd (to suggest) that I ran away and let the team down, I had told the coach and the captain two months ago that I will rest after the Kenya tri-series," he said.

Wasim denied he was pressed to play against Australia.

"No one talked to me on the matter but had someone pursued me I don't know what I would have done but I want youngsters to take our places," he said.

"We still haven't found a captain like Imran Khan and Waqar Younis and I took years to establish and replace Khan as a fast bowler of international repute.

"We have talented youngsters

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WASIM AKRAM

Inzamamul Haq and Yousuf Youhana were sidelined by injuries.

Australia outlasted Pakistan by

41 runs in the first Test played in

Steve gives his views

Cricket
AFP, Sydney

Steve Waugh says changing his team before the first Ashes Test would be playing into England's hands.

The Test captain said England would want Australian selectors to tinker with the team before the Ashes opener starting at Brisbane's Gabba ground on November 7.

The future of Steve's twin brother, Mark, in the Australian team will be decided on Sunday when the national selectors deliberate over the players for the opening Ashes Test.

In a telephone hook-up, Trevor Hohns, Allan Border, David Boon and Andrew Hilditch will decide whether the 37-year-old Waugh deserves to play in the first Test starting at the Gabba on November 7.

"The meeting will probably be no different to any other," Hohns said on Friday.

"They are all tough and take some time, particularly at the beginning of a series because we try to talk about which direction we're heading in."

Selectors are also likely to decide whether to retain fast bowler Brett Lee after an indifferent series against Pakistan, while considering

the fitness of fellow speedster Jason Gillespie.

"The English will probably hope that we have a couple of changes in our side, but it really depends on what the selectors want and what they see as the future," Waugh said.

Waugh returned home late Friday from Australia's 3-0 Test series whitewash of Pakistan in Colombo

wouldn't just throw a couple of guys out and replace them for the sake of it.

"I think as a selector, if you think you can improve the side then improve it, if you don't think you can improve, don't."

There was speculation Steve Waugh's unbeaten century in the third and final Test against Pakistan in Sharjah not only cemented his spot in the Ashes series but also killed off the chances of his out-of-form brother, Mark.

The rationale was national selectors wouldn't want to drop both the experienced Waughs at once so therefore would first axe Mark, who averaged just 20 in Australia's thumping of Pakistan.

But Steve Waugh said he would not speculate before talking with chief national selector Trevor Hohns at the weekend about the make-up of the first Test team.

"I have heard some theories but that's about as silly as I have heard," said Waugh.

"I'm not planning on going just yet and I don't think Mark is either. I think everyone's jumping to conclusions a little bit."

"We've had this the last 12 months -- it would be nice to play a game of cricket without having these sorts of things hanging over your head."

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STEVE WAUGH

and Sharjah.

"But you can only win 3-0 when you play three Tests. I don't know how you can get better than that, there's always a need for fresh players I suppose and look for the future," he said.

"But I think when you are running a business and being successful you