



Did U Know?

Sir Jack Hobbs of England proved that age is no bar in cricket when it comes to scoring hundreds in the five-day version of the game. He was 46 years and 82 days old when he scored 142 against Australia on March 8 in 1929 at Melbourne.



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India vs West Indies
First ODI
Live at 9:30 am
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Sport News
Live at 8:30 pm
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Betis vs Malaga
Repeat at 10:30 am
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Sport News
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India vs West Indies
First ODI, Highlights
Same Day Delay at 8:30 pm



TALK TURKEY



Marat Safin

(Russian tennis star)
"I didn't win a tournament in 13 months so it's wonderful to have won again."
After winning the Paris Masters Series title.

Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 183

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Competition closes at 8 pm Nov 8, 2002 and draw shortly afterwards

1. Who became man-of-match in the first Test between Bangladesh and South Africa? Al-Shahriar G. Smith J. Kallis
2. Who won the Swisscom Challenge tennis title? Davenport Schmyder Serena
3. Bangladesh lost the first Test against South Africa on the... 3rd day 4th day 5th day
4. India won the second Test against West Indies by 120 runs 8 wickets 5 wickets
5. How many goals did Bangladesh concede in AFC U-20 meet in Qatar?

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DAY'S EVENT

Challenge trophy Cricket Tournament
Bangladesh National Team v A Team (Day three)
Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium

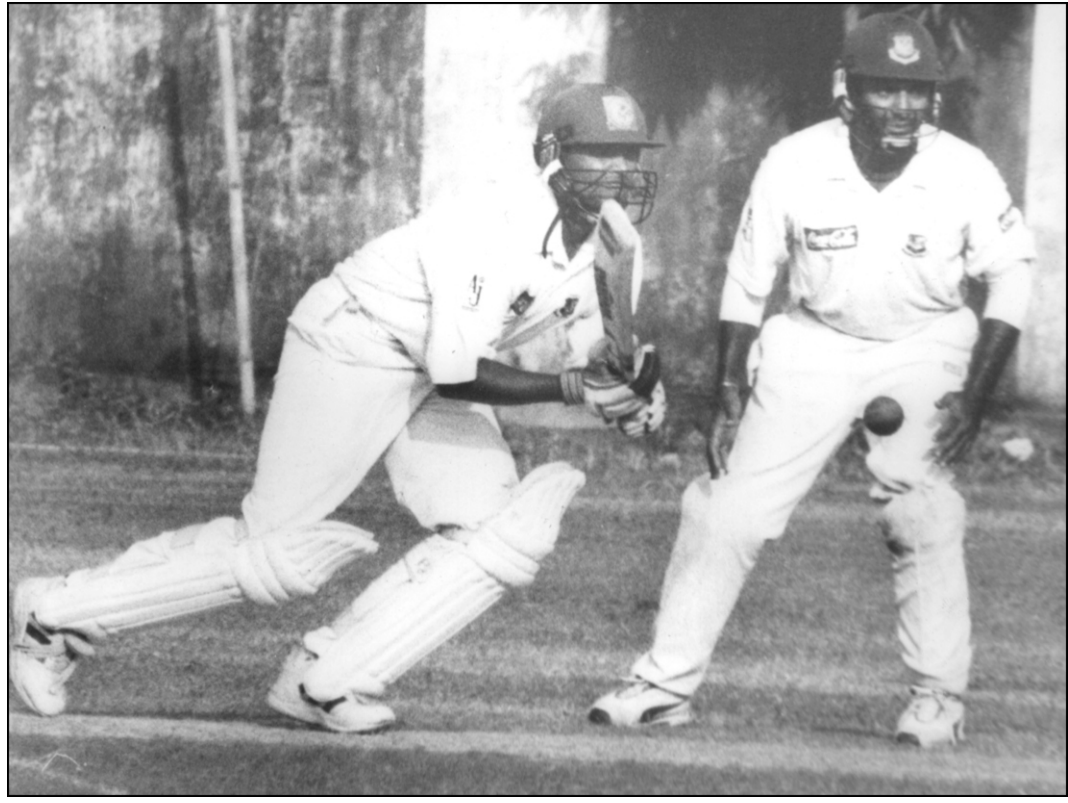


PHOTO: STAR
Bangladesh A team's Ehsanul Haque, who scored a century, sets off for a run after working the ball on the off-side on the second day of their Challenge Trophy fixture against the national side at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Ehsanul rules Day Two

SPORTS REPORTER
Ehsanul Haque hogged the headlines on the second day of the four-day Challenge Trophy 2002 match between the national team and the Bangladesh A team at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

The unsung right-hander struck 102 not out as the second string national side recuperated from a disappointing start to finish the day on 231-6 in reply to the national team's first innings score of 328. Earlier, starting the day on 286 for seven, the national team added 42 runs before being all out.
Opening the innings with Mehraj Hossain, Ehsanul held the innings together after his side collapsed to 67-4.
Ehsanul stole the limelight on a day in which focus was firmly fixed on three veteran campaigners and former national captains Aminul Islam, Akram Khan and Minhazul Abedin.
For the trio, desperately seeking to earn a spot in the Test squad for the home series against West Indies

BDR, Ansars JICA Cup champs

UNB, Dhaka
Bangladesh Rifles clinched the men's title while Bangladesh Ansars won the women's crown in the JICA Cup Judo competition that concluded at the National Sports Council gymnasium yesterday.
Bangladesh Army and Marshall Art Star Academy of Noakhali finished runners-up in the men's and women's group respectively.
A total of 175 judokas including 52 women from 18 teams took part in the 20-weight category meet.
State Minister for Youth and Sports M Fazlur Rahman was present as the chief guest in the closing function of the two-day meet and distributed prizes.
President of Bangladesh Judo Federation Major General Manzurul Alam and Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh Jiro Kobayashi were present on the occasion.

Delta Life h'ball final today

BSS, Dhaka
Viquarunnesa Noon School and College and Mirpur Girls' Ideal Laboratory Institute moved into the final of the Delta Life Handball Championship winning their respective semifinals yesterday.
Viquarunnesa overwhelmed Siddheshwari Girls College 19-4 in the first semifinal at handball ground.
Liza was the best scorer for the winners with six goals ahead of Ria who netted five while Diana added three.
Mirpur Girls' Institute blanked Home Economics College 7-0 in the second semifinal after dominating the first session 5-0.
The final will be held today at 3 pm after the third place deciding match which kicks off at 2 pm.
Jute Minister Hafiz Uddin Ahmed, Bir Bikram, will be present at the final as the chief guest.

Imran to head BCB's pace academy

SPORTS REPORTER
Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) is going to set up a pace bowling academy to groom and nurture the pace prospects of the country.
This was revealed by BCB advisor Mahbubul Anam after the meeting of the Advisory Council yesterday.
"It's going to start soon under the supervision of national coach Sarwar Imran. The academy will also help pacemen maintain their fitness," said Anam.
He added that, Imran, who is currently in charge of the A team, will be constantly in touch with India's MRF Pace Foundation. He would be making regular visits to the reputed institution to stay abreast of the latest developments in pace bowling.
Anam added that the academy would initially function in collaboration with the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP).

Chess Olympiad Mixed day for Bangladesh

SPORTS REPORTER
It was a mixed day for Bangladesh players at the 35th Chess Olympiad on Monday as the men's team prevailed over Costa Rica by 3.5-5 points while the women's lost 1-2 to a strong Israeli side in the Slovenian city of Beld.
In the men's games of the ninth round, Grand Master Ziaur Rahman, who has a rating of 2523, beat International Master Leonardo Valdes, rated 2426. IM Refaat-bin-Sattar, rated 2448, defeated IM Pineda Sergio Minero, 2396, while IM Enamul Hossain, 2396, took control of IM Alejandro Ramirez, 2421. However, the unfortunate of the lot was Sheikh Nasir Ahmed, 2306, who drew with Francis Maynard, 2276.
On the women's side, WIM Rani Hamid, 2148, got Bangladesh in early trouble when she lost to WGM Masha Klinova, rated 2374. But Syeda Shabana Parveen, 2124, and Zakia Sultana, who is yet to get a ranking, put up some brave fight against their more illustrious opponents Angela Borsuk and Tatiana Zatulovskaya, both WGMs, respectively and held them to draws.
Bangladesh men's team is now holding the 35th position in the 141-team field with 20.5 points while the women are in the 45th position with 14 points. Russia are the solo leaders in the points table in men's section with 25.5 points. Georgia are the women's leaders with 22 points.

Rating chess

SPORTS REPORTER
FIDE Master Taibur Rahman Sumon and Shawkat Hossain Pallab of Ansars were jointly leading the points table of the Open FIDE Rating chess tournament with maximum points at the end of the fifth round yesterday.
In the round held at the chess room of Bangladesh Chess Federation, Taibur beat Kazi Rashed Dinayet while Pallab beat Uten.
The sixth round commences at 3:30 pm at the same venue today.

Khulna soccer

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Platinum Jubilee Jute Mills Club defeated Town Club 2-1 in the Meghna Cement Senior Division Football League at the local stadium yesterday.
In other match, Mohammedan Sporting Club beat Winners Club 2-0.
Today's matches: Khulna Abahani Krira Chakra vs Digolia YMA Club 1:15 pm and Brothers Union vs UIKA Club 2:45 pm.

JU cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT
Government and Politics moved into the quarterfinals of the inter-department cricket championship of Jahangirnagar University (JU) with a 56-run win over Economics yesterday.
Winning the toss, Government and Politics batted first and made 146 runs for two wickets in the stipulated 25 overs. Shanto scored highest 59 runs while Mishu and Kabir made 35 and 20 runs respectively.
Taimur and Galib claimed one wicket each for 34 and 30 runs respectively.
In reply, Economics were all out for 90 in the 24.5 overs. Rana and Shaibal were their highest contributors with 17 runs each.
Shajal and Shanto grabbed three wickets each for 15 and 18 runs respectively.

NZ find no way out

AFP, Auckland
New Zealand cricket was Tuesday in turmoil as the country's players looked set to go on strike just one month before the Indian team was due to begin a tour.
The Cricket Players Association (CPA) earlier Tuesday rejected a final pay offer while their employers New Zealand Cricket (NZC) cancelled any further talks and said the two sides had reached an impasse.
Despite events in New Zealand Indian cricket board secretary Karunakaran Nair said in New Delhi that the tour was still on.
"There is still a month to go, but as far as we are concerned, the tour is on," he told AFP.
"We would obviously like to play against the best team."
Although the dispute is a complicated one over how to divide up revenues from first class cricket, it



MARTIN SNEDDEN

Salary days over

Cricket
SPORTS REPORTER
Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) is set to abolish the salary system for national cricketers and introduce a performance oriented payment method.
This was confirmed by BCB president Ali Asghar after his first meeting with the newly formed Advisory Council at BCB's management office in Gulshan yesterday afternoon.
The Board is now considering putting players under contract for tours and home series' while terminating the annual contract which was introduced two years ago.
Talking to some reporters yesterday, Asghar said the tour-based contract was more likely to inspire the players to perform better.
"Established powers like India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka follow this system and we are also trying to put it into effect before the home series against the West Indies," said Asghar.
The BCB boss also hinted at the possibility of incentive bonuses for the players.
"The salary system failed to reward those who contributes wholeheartedly," said Asghar.
When asked how the national players under the BCB pay roll would be compensated for the months of September and October as their annual contract expired in August this year, Asghar said that they will receive their salary as per the previous contract as the new system is still being formulated.
Asghar also spoke of appointing a media manager and some other professionals. According to a source close to the BCB, Asghar was planning on recruiting a chief executive officer.
Ten out of eleven advisors were present in the meeting. Only Mahmud Jamal, the latest inclusion in the Advisory Council, was absent.
The meeting mainly focused on the forthcoming tour of the West Indies which starts on November 29. Carl Hooper's men will arrive in Dhaka on November 25 from India to play two Tests and three one day internationals.
Discussion was also held on domestic cricket.



ALI ASGHAR

Time for ODI battle

Cricket
AFP, Jamshedpur
India hope the absence of Sachin Tendulkar will not matter as they strive to build on their recent one-day success during a seven-match series against the West Indies from Wednesday.
The master batsman, whose 11,544 runs and 33 centuries are unmatched in limited-overs cricket, was rested from the series after he suffered a hamstring strain during his match-saving century in the Calcutta Test last week.
India have not lost a one-day series in the last 12 months and hope to continue that form leading up to the World Cup in southern Africa in February-March next year.
In-form seamer Zaheer Khan has also been sidelined with a knee injury, leaving the Indians to test



PHOTO: AFP
India captain Saurav Ganguly (L) discusses something with coach John Wright during a practice session at Jamshedpur yesterday. India face West Indies in the first one-day international at this venue today.

Nasser's pressure theory

Cricket
AFP, Brisbane
Skipper Nasser Hussain wants to put the world champions Australia under the cosh for a change and see how they handle playing under pressure.
That might be easier than it sounds with Hussain's men trying to reclaim cricket's Ashes for the first time in 16 years.
The five-match series gets underway here on Thursday at the Gabba and Hussain, charged with plotting the downfall of Steve Waugh's champion team, wants his players to play, what he terms, 'basic cricket'.
"You play differently when you're under pressure, whatever side you are, and too often now Australia have dictated terms by putting pressure on the opposition," Hussain said in his pre-match press conference here on Tuesday.
"When you have no fear of losing a game and you can show all your skills and the crowd can get behind you, it's a very easy life and a very easy game."
"But the moment you put losing into the equation it becomes a whole different ball game, so that's what we have to do to Australia in every Test match."
"It's much easier said than done but that doesn't mean I'm not going to



NASSER HUSSAIN

things but what wins cricket games is basic cricket and putting pressure on the opposition.
"I've played against Australia and I don't believe our failings are down to a mental thing. It's down to basic cricket skills."
"I believe they practise their skills at such a level that it pays off in those pressure situations."
"That's what we have to learn. It's an intensity that you have to do all the time to get used to it."
Hussain was trying to put a positive spin on things before the Test despite a series of injuries and indifferent form over the last few weeks.
The likely Test-strength bowling attack was carted for 582 by Queensland, who were without Test opener Matthew Hayden and to compound that they lost pace spearhead Darren Gough for the early Tests to a recurring chronic knee problem.
With Gough rehabilitating in Adelaide, Hussain said the fitness of Lancashire all-rounder Andrew Flintoff was the most pressing issue for England.
Flintoff looked stiff in bowling 26 overs against Queensland last weekend, going for 2-112, but tour selectors want to ensure he is ready for the Test after his slow recovery from double hernia surgery.