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Tests have been played over a period of 3, 4 5 or 6 days. But there has been a Test match with a longer duration. The 5th Test between South Africa and England at Durban in 1938-39 lasted till tea on the 10th day!



ESPN

English Premier Football League Liverpool vs West Ham United Repeat at 8:30 am **Cricket Programming** Live at 7:30 pm Sportscentre Hindi Live at 8:30 pm

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Australia vs England First Test, Day One Live at 5:57 am English Premier Football League Charlton Athletic vs Sunderland Taped Version at 1:00 pm Gillette World Sports Special Int'l Sports News Repeat at 4:00 pm **Cricket Programm** Live at 7:30 pm **Sportsline Tonigh** Sport News Live at 8:00 pm Futbol Mundia





Oliver Kahn

(Bayern Munich custodian) "We are convinced that we are going to win both the German League and Cup this season under Ottmar Hitzfeld." Giving his support to under-

pressure coach Ottmar Hitzfeld.



The Haily Star Win attractive prizes Competition closes at 8 pm

Nov 8, 2002 and draw shortly afterwards

1. Who became man-of-match in the first Test between Al-Shahriar | G. Smith | J. Kallis

2. Who won the Swisscom Challenge tennis title?

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3rd day 4th day 5th day 4. India won the second Test

against West Indies by 120 runs 8 wkts 5 wkts

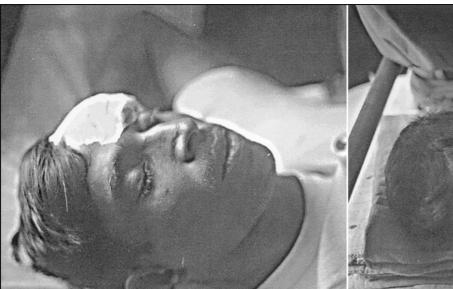
How many goals did Bangladesh concede in AFC U-20 meet in

Class..... Roll No.....





Challenge trophy Cricket Tour Bangladesh National Team v A Team (Day four) Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket



National cricketers Taposh Baishya (L) and Rafiqul Islam Khan lie in their beds at the CMH yesterday.



Four cricketers injured in road accident

Taposh, Rafiqul kept in ICU

SPORTS REPORTER

Four Bangladesh cricketers --Taposh Kumar Baishya, Rafiqul Islam Khan, Alok Kapali and Tushar Imran-- were injured in a road accident yesterday.

Riding on an auto-rickshaw, they vere going to Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium from their hotel to play in their Challenge Trophy match. In an attempt to avoid a collision with a truck, coming out of Sarak Bhaban (opposite to the city's Ramna Restaurant), the driver tired to take a sharp turn but ended up with the three-wheeler upside down on the street at around 8.45 in the morning. Middle-order Tushar could

escape with minor injury, but others were injured badly. All of them were mmediately rushed to the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital from where Imran got released after receiving first aid.

All-rounder Kapali, right-arm seamer Taposh and top-order batsman Rafigul were later transferred to Combined Military Hospital

Kapali, who suffered injury on his right shoulder, was then released from CMH and sent back to his hotel for rest. The two others, who suf-



ALOK KAPALI

fered head injuries, were kept at the intensive care unit (ICU) for observation under the supervision of

leave the Test squad in Brisbane to

play in a first-class match in Sydney

"They are all right now. Both underwent CT scan and the reports were positive. But since Rafigul vomited in the hospital, doctors opted to keep them under observa-



TUSHAR IMRAN

tion in ICU for 24 hours," said Bangladesh team manager ASM

his operation in February and strug

revealed no fracture on his injured shoulder.

"His shoulder is a bit swollen. We have asked him to take rest at his hotel room. He will be able to play shortly," said Faruque.

Tushar Imran also appeared all

bruises on my hands. But nothing is serious," he said. "It was rush hour and no other transport was available. That is why four of us got ourselves accommodated in one When asked why the Board did

not arrange transport for them, Mahbub Anam, a member of the Advisory Council, said they are being paid travel allowances.

hotel. Rest of the players stay at their home at different part of the city. It is not possible for us to arrange transport for all of them That is why we have decided to pay travel allowances," he said.

Ashes to burn again

Flintoff, Lee excluded

Cricket

AFP. Brisbane

England all-rounder Andrew Flintoff was late Wednesday confirmed as a non-starter in the opening Ashes cricket Test against Australia starting at the Gabba on Thursday.

The move means England's gamble on bringing unfit players on a demanding Ashes tour of Australia further backfired after strike bowler Darren Gough was earlier ruled out after being plagued by knee trouble.

Craig White was named ahead of Flintoff, who bowled 26 overs in England's drawn tour match against Queensland last week but was still recovering from a recent double hernia operation.

"We had a tough choice to make in the all-rounder position between Andrew Flintoff and Craig White, but we just felt that the first Test has come round a couple of days too early for Andrew following his comeback from a hernia operation," England coach Duncan Fletcher said.

Australia, meanwhile, dropped fast bowler Brett Lee and replaced him with veteran paceman Andy

Lee and Bichel were left fighting for the last fast bowler's spot when Jason Gillespie was declared fit

after missing the last two Tests despite being officially named as against Pakistan. 12th man. 'It was always going to be a Fletcher admitted the 24-year-

tough decision but we just feel that old Flintoff would not be fit enough Andy Bichel is bowling better at the for five tough days' cricket against moment and deserves his chance, the world champions. said captain Steve Waugh. The Lancashire all-rounder had In an unusual move, Waugh failed to fully recover to recover from revealed Lee would be allowed to



Australia skipper Steve Waugh practise in the nets at Brisbane yesterday. The first Ashes Test begins here today.

Pakistan practise batting

Athletics

Seven of the eight Pakistan batsmen who faced Zimbabwe A in the first innings of their three-day tour warm-up match here scored 43 runs or better as the tourists declared at 456 for six after an hour into Tuesday's second day.

At the close, Zimbabwe A were 200-5 in reply as bad light stopped play, leaving them 256 behind with five wickets in hand. The exception to the Pakistan

display of sound overall batting form was Yousuf Youhana, who was out for one following a freak run-out incident, a drive from batting partner Younis Khan knocking over the stumps at the other end via the bowler's foot with Youhana stranded out of his ground.

It was doubly unfortunate for

Pakistan and for Youhana because he has had little batting practice in recent months and was therefore unable to show his current capabilities to the selectors ahead of the first Test which begins here Saturday.

Otherwise it was a batting bonanza for Pakistan. Taufeeq Umar. Younis. Hasan Raza. Inzamamul Hag, Saleem Elahi, Shahid Afridi and Kamran Akmal all had productive stays at the crease. the first two reaching the 80's. Pakistan's plan for this tour

opening match was carried through to perfection and it left them with the pleasurable problem of who to leave out for the first Test, because Waqar Younis, Younis Ahmed and Saqlain Mushtaq must all be brought in.

Zimbabwe A began their efforts to save the game with a decent showing, three of their Test squad leading the way. Dion Ebrahim fell early with 14, but Mark Vermeulen, Guy Whittall and Gavin Rennie kept Shoaib Akhtar and colleagues at

bay through much of the afternoon. Rennie is not in the Zimbabwe squad and so he had a statement to make, but his 48 was not quite sufficient for selectors' regrets.

Vermeulen made a sound 43 and Whittall's 67 not out showed real mettle against the mainly pace attack. After Rennie fell to Mohammad Sami, Stewart Matsikenyeri was bowled first ball and a mighty hattrick shout went up for a hattrick lbw against Whittall. But Sami was turned down.

SCOREBOARD

Close of play scoreboard on the second day of a three-day match between Zimbabwe 'A' and Pakistan here on Tuesday: PAKISTAN: First innings (overnight

Elahi c Vermeulen b Manhire Umar c Taibu b Sims SEE PAGE 15 COL 1

right at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium later in the afternoon. "There are some cuts and

'Only a few of them stay in the

BFF picks 25 for SAFF C'ship

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) yesterday named a preliminary squad of 25 from which the national team for the third SAFF

Championship will be selected. The regional meet is to be held here over January 10-20 next year.

The notable absentee on the list was national team's regular member Matiur Munna, who captains Muktijoddha Sangsad on the domestic circuit. His name was not considered after the disciplinary committee of the BFF recently recommended that the midfielder should not be included in the national team for one year for his involvement in an untoward incident during the Federation Cup semifinal against Abahani.

Six other players who took part in the Busan Asian Games -- custodian Apel, defender Papel, Shuvro, midfielder Bidyut, Liton and forward Bulbul -- did not find their places in the initial selection.

The players have been asked to report to national coach George Kottan on Sunday (November 10) at 10am at the BFF conference room to join residential training camp at the BKSP which begins the same

Meanwhile, Bangladesh national team will go on a six-day tour to Myanmar to play two preparation matches between November 17-22.

Delta Life h'ball Viquarunnissa

clinch title

BSS, Dhaka

Viquarunnissa Noon School and College became champions of the Delta Life Handball Championship defeating Mirpur Girls' Ideal Laboratory Institute 10-5 at Bangladesh Women's Sport Complex yesterday. The winners led the first half 8-4.

Diana struck six goals while Liza who was adjudged the best player of the competition, added three goals for the winners. Sumona netted three goals while

Jesy netted two for the losers. Éarlier, Home Economics

College grabbed the third slot defeating Siddheshwari Girls' College 3-1 after a 1-1 first half. Jute Minister Hafiz Uddin

Ahmed, Bir Bikram, distributed prizes among the winners as the chief guest. Managing Director of Delta Life Insurance Company Limited, Das Dev Prasad, was present as special quest.

Chess Olympiad **Going good** for BD men

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh men's team continued their impressive performance in the 35th Chess Olympiad with a 2.5-1.5 win over 25th seeded Switzerland in the tenth round at the Slovenian capital city of Beld on Tuesday.

International Master (IM) Enamul Hossain Rajib beat IM Richard Forster, Grand Master (GM) Ziaur Rahman drew with former FIDE world runner-up and GM Victor Korchnoi, who is Russian by born. Their other two mates also enforced draw. IM Reefat-bin-Sattar shared points with GM Yannick Pellelier and IM Abdullah Al-Rakib drew with IM Jenni Florain. With that win, Bangladesh

moved up to 31st in the 141-country race by raising their collection to 23 Georgia are leading the table with 28.5 points followed by

Hungary who have 27.5 points. England and Germany are sharing the third spot with 26 points

The Bangladesh women's team meanwhile drew with Denmark (1- 1) in the tenth round.
Zakia Sultana won against Anne Bekker Jensen, Syeda Shabana

and IWM Rani Hamid lost her board to IWM Nina Holberg. They are now occupying the 44th position with 15.5 points.

Parveen drew with Vovka Oksana

In the 11th round, men's team will challenge Romania and the women team face Finland on

A draw most likely

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh A team took a significant one-run first innings lead against the national team on the third day of the four-day Challenge Trophy 2002 at the Dhanmondi

Cricket Stadium yesterday. But the day was dominated by the dreadful news of four national cricketers meeting with an accident early in the morning while they were on their way for the match. Tushar Imran, Alok Kapali, Taposh Baishya and Rafigul Islam were travelling in an auto rickshaw that crashed near the Ramna restaurant while trying to avoid a collision with a truck.

The match started one hour late after news came that the four were out of danger and had been taken to the Combined Military Hospital.

Once the game started, the A side got into business straightaway making the best use of their opponents' depleted attack that badly missed Taposh and Kapali.

Resuming the day on 231-6, they scored 329 before being all out. The national team had made 328 in their first innings. The lead proved that there was little difference in standard of the two teams.

Another youngster grabbed the spotlight today after heroics of Hannan Sarkar and Ehsanul Hague on the first two days. This time it was wicketkeeper Anwar who led the

brilliant hundred by opener Ehsanul on the day two.

Anwar, who was 25 not out overnight, scored his fifty with the help of eight boundaries. The little wicket-keeper occupied the crease for three hours and faced 153 balls.

His overnight partner and only centurion of the match Ehsanul could add only six runs to his unbeaten score of 102 before becoming the third victim of left-arm

paceman Monjurul Islam. Enamul Haque with 25 and Hasibul Hossain, who scored an unbeaten 23, were the other useful contributors down the order.

The national team were 83 for 1 at close in their second innings. The only casualty was Hannan who made 16 before being adjudged legbefore to paceman Alamgir. The top scorer in first innings with 83, Hannan paid the penalty for playing across the line after a bright start with a boundary off the first ball.

Al-Shahriar and Javed Oma added 39 runs for the undefeated second wicket with the forme playing in his usual fluent style

Al-Shahriar authoritative 39 included five boundaries. However Al-Shahriar was lucky to survive a stumping chance when Anwar failed to dislodge the bails in time off a Mohammed Ashraful leg-spinner with the batsman out of the crease.

Javed scored a painstaking 15 **SEE PAGE 15 COL 5**



A Sarwan surprise

Windies' last-ball victory

Cricket

AFP, Jamshedpur

Ramnaresh Sarwan smashed a lastball four to guide the West Indies to a thrilling four-wicket victory over India in a one-day international marred by crowd trouble here Wednesday.

The game was interrupted twice

by missile-throwing spectators before the West Indies surpassed India's 283-6 in fading light for a 1-0 lead in the seven-match series. The West Indies needed three to win off the last delivery and found the

right man in Sarwan, who kept his

cool in mounting tension to smash Ajit Agarkar through the covers for the winning boundary. The 22-year-old Guyanese, who remained unbeaten with a careerbest 83, built on a brilliant 93 by

opener Wavell Hinds. The West Indies were 271-4 in the 47th over when unruly crowd behaviour forced the players off the field, requiring the presence of South African match-referee Mike Proctor on the field.

break, the West Indies lost Shivnarine Chanderpaul in the penultimate over and Ridley Jacobs in the last over before man-of-thematch Sarwan came up with the

winning runs. "We batted brilliantly," said West Indian captain Carl Hooper

"Credit should go to the boys. The interruption broke the momentum. but the boys came back strongly." Earlier, India's total owed much of

its substance to Agarkar, who came in to bat as a pinch-hitter and went on to smash a career-best 95 off 101 balls with the help of two sixes and 11 India were struggling at 49-2 after

electing to bat on a slow pitch at the

Keenan Stadium before Agarkar put on 98 for the third wicket with Venkatsai Laxman (47) and 75 for the next with Rahul Dravid (46 not out). Hinds matched Agarkar's effort with his rich stroke-play as he added

86 for the second wicket with Marlor Samuels (51) and 87 for the next with

Hinds never curbed his strokes, hitting Nehra for three successive



"We posted a big total, but failed to defend it. I think we didn't bowl well," Indian skipper Sourav Ganguly India had to rely on Agarkar to overcome a shaky start as the pinchhitter set the stage for a late onslaught with his aggressive knock.

fours and hoisting leg-spinner Anil

Kumble over long-on and long-off for

shots during his sixth half-century

before he became leg-spinner Anil

Kumble's 300th one-day victim.

Samuels also played elegant

Kumble remains the third highest

wicket-taker in the shorter version of

the game behind Pakistanis Wasim

Akram (479) and Waqar Younis

with his 89-ball knock, cracking three

sixes and six fours.

Sarwan then completed the job

two sixes.

10 overs, with Mohammad Kaif scoring an 18-ball 31 not out. Agarkar, whose previous best was an unbeaten 67 against Zimbabwe at home two years ago, dominated the rival attack during his

The hosts plundered 69 in the last

101-ball knock.

222, 5-235, 6-236

SCOREBOARD Full scoreboard of the first one-day international between India and the West Indies at the Keenan Stadium

on Wednesday INDIA Sehwag c and b Drakes Ganguly b Collins Agarkar c Gayle b Collins Laxman b Nagamootoo Dravid not out Yuvraj c Gayle b Hooper Yadav b Dillon Kaif not out Extras: (b-4. lb-6. w-5. nb-1) Total: (For 6 wkts in 50 overs) 283 Fall of wickets: 1-43, 2-49, 3-147, 4-

M R W Bowler Dillon 10 0 64 1 40 2 10 **SEE PAGE 15 COL 8**

tional victory against India in the inaugural ODI at Jamshedpur yesterday.

MAN-OF-THE-MATCH: An over-the-moon Ramnaresh Sarwan of the West Indies runs towards the dressing room after he guided his side to a sensa-

Al-Shahriar of Bangladesh national team pulls Enamul Hoque (not in picture) of the Ateam for a boundary on the third day of their Challenge Trophy fixture at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.