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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!



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Oliver Kahn

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- Who became man-of-match in the first Test between Bangladesh and South Africa?
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 - Bangladesh lost their first Test against South Africa on the...
3rd day / 4th day / 5th day
 - 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 Qatar?
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Challenge trophy Cricket Tournament
Bangladesh National Team v A Team (Day four)
Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium



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

PHOTO: STAR

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 were 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 tried 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 immediately 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 Rafiqul were later trans-

ferred to Combined Military Hospital (CMH).

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-

fered head injuries, were kept at the intensive care unit (ICU) for obser-

vation under the supervision of Neuro Surgeon Col HM Shafiqul Alam.

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

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

Kapali's X-ray report also 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.



ALOK KAPALI



TUSHAR IMRAN

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Tushar Imran also appeared all right at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium later in the afternoon.

"There are some cuts and 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 transport."

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BFF picks 25 for SAFF C'ship

UNB, Dhaka

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 Maitur Munna, who captains Muktiyoddha 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 day.

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

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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.

Earlier, 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 guest.

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 Bled 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 each.

The Bangladesh women's team meanwhile drew with Denmark (1-1) in the tenth round.

Zakia Sultana won against Anne Bekker Jensen, Syeda Shabana Parveen drew with Vovka Oksana and IWM Rani Hamid lost her board to IWM Nina Holberg.

They are now occupying the 44th position with 15.5 points.

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

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 Rafiqul 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.

As 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 Haque on the first two days. This time it was wicketkeeper Anwar who led the

chase with a defiant 56 after a 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 leg-

before 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 Omar added 39 runs for the undefeated second wicket with the former 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 Ashrafu leg-spinner with the batsman out of the crease.

Javed scored a painstaking 15.

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PHOTO: STAR

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

A Sarwan surprise Windies' last-ball victory

Cricket

AFP, Jamshedpur

Ramnaresh Sarwan smashed a last-ball 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 career-best 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.

When play resumed after a short break, the West Indies lost Shivnarine Chanderpaul in the penultimate over and Ridley Jacobs in the last over before man-of-the-match 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 sixes and 11 fours.

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 Marlon Samuels (51) and 87 for the next with Sarwan.

Hinds never curbed his strokes, hitting Nehra for three successive

fours and hoisting leg-spinner Anil Kumble over long-on and long-off for two sixes.

Samuels also played elegant shots during his sixth half-century before he became leg-spinner Anil Kumble's 300th one-day victim.

Kumble remains the third highest wicket-taker in the shorter version of the game behind Pakistanis Wasim Akram (479) and Waqar Younis (395).

Sarwan then completed the job with his 89-ball knock, cracking three sixes and six fours.

"We posted a big total, but failed to defend it. I think we didn't bowl well," Indian skipper Sourav Ganguly conceded.

India had to rely on Agarkar to overcome a shaky start as the pinch-hitter set the stage for a late onslaught with his aggressive knock.

The hosts plundered 69 in the last 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 101-ball knock.

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	28
Ganguly b Collins	16
Agarkar c Gayle b Collins	95
Laxman b Nagamootoo	47
Dravid not out	46
Yuvraj c Gayle b Hooper	4
Yadav b Dillon	0
Kaif not out	31
Extras: (b-4, lb-6, w-5, nb-1)	16
Total: (For 6 wkts in 50 overs)	283
Fall of wickets: 1-43, 2-49, 3-147, 4-222, 5-235, 6-236	
Bowler	
Dillon	0 M R W
Collins	10 0 64 1
	10 1 40 2

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PHOTO: INTERNET

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