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Australia and West Indies played the first ever flood-lit limited-overs international match. The epoch-making match was played at Sydney on November 27, 1979.



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1. Who became man-of-match in the first Test between Bangladesh and South Africa?
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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 wkts | 5 wkts

5. How many goals did Bangladesh concede in AFC U-20 meet in Qatar?
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Mario Zagallo
(Acting Brazilian national coach)
"We can have a party before and after the game but not during it. We don't want to see our title stained by a defeat."
About the November 20 game against South Korea.

Hayden thanks his luck

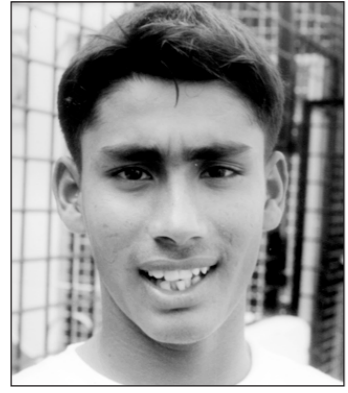
AFP, Brisbane
Matthew Hayden believes anything is possible on Friday after he rode his luck for an unbeaten century on the opening day of the Ashes series against England.

Youth sparkles in drawn match



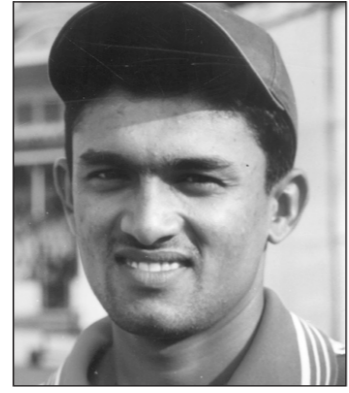
SPORTS REPORTER

The four-day Challenge Trophy match between the national team and the Bangladesh A ended in a predictable draw at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.



ASHRAFUL ... 8 wkts

Though the match was heading for a draw, but young right-arm pacer Talha Jubair sent a chill down the spine of the second string national side, claiming three wickets with the new ball after the seniors declared their second innings on 277-6.



EHSANUL ... lone centurion

behind the wicket in quick succession to give an interesting twist to the proceedings.

But with the sun fading quickly and spinners to operate only, two experienced batsmen Minhazul Abedin and Akram Khan took their team to safety. They added 46 runs

for the undefeated fifth wicket before both captains agreed to a draw after 24 overs.

Minhaz looked very uncomfortable against the pacers, but he came out of his shell and started to play shots once the spinners were introduced in the 13th over. The former national captain, desperately seeking to win a Test cap at the age of 37, scored an unbeaten 24 that included four boundaries.

Akram Khan followed up his first-innings half-century with a watchful 19 not out.

It was however another day of disappointment for Aminul, who scored only seven before nicking Talha to makeshift wicketkeeper Hannan. Aminul scored 9 in the first innings.

Ashraful also failed with the bat for a second successive occasion. He also scored seven before being caught behind off left-arm paceman Monjurul.

But Ashraful compensated his batting disappointment with the ball, finishing with a match haul of eight wickets.

The young leg-spinner, who captured five wickets in the first innings, took three more in the second innings including the prized scalp of Al-Shahriar.

Al-Shahriar denied a well-SEE PAGE 15 COL 6



Bangladesh A wicketkeeper Anwar Hossain (L) takes the bails off in a flash to stump national team batsman Habibul Bashar off Aminul Islam's off-spin at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Taibur stays ahead

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FIDE Master Taibur Rahman maintained his position at the top after the seventh round of the open rating tournament yesterday.

He defeated Saifuddin Lavlu in the seventh round to earn maximum points at the NSC chess room.

Arman Monir was in second position with six points after stunning FMAbu Sufian Shakil.

Shawkat Hossain Pollab, Mahtabuddin Ahmed Robin, Monir Hossain Moniruzzaman Khan, Farhadur Imam and Farhadur Rahman were all sharing third place with five-and-a-half points each.

In other matches, Monir beat Aminul Islam. Sabab beat Sohail Chowdhury. Pollab drew with Monir Khan and Robin drew with Imam.

The eighth round starts today at 3 pm.

India will tour New Zealand

AFP, New Delhi

India will go ahead with next month's tour of New Zealand despite a pay dispute between the host players and authorities, the country's cricket chief Jagmohan Dalmiya said here on Thursday.

"As far as the Indian cricket board is concerned, our team will certainly tour New Zealand," said Dalmiya, president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India.

Doubts have been raised over the tour after New Zealand's players went on strike over a pay dispute with their cricket board.

India are scheduled to play two Tests and seven one-day internationals on the upcoming tour of New Zealand.

Allan reaches destination

AFP, Brisbane

Former Australian cricket great Allan Border was showered with coins as he completed his 1,000-kilometre (600-mile), month-long trek up Australia's east coast here on Thursday.

Merciless Matthew, Ricky

Cricket

AFP, Brisbane

Matthew Hayden and Ricky Ponting bludgeoned England's bowling for centuries as Australia exacted the full price on Nasser Hussain for putting the hosts into bat in the opening Ashes Test at the Gabba here on Thursday.

The England skipper got nothing in return from his bowlers and fielders as they were savaged by remorseless Australian batting to give the world champions the all-important psychological edge in the opening exchanges of the five-match series.

By stumps, the Australians had rattled about at more than four runs an over to be 364 for two and well on the way to building an insurmountable total for champion bowlers Glenn McGrath and Shane Warne to exploit.

To cap a dreadful day for England, tyro fast bowler Simon Jones will be out of cricket for at least six months after rupturing knee ligaments in an ugly fielding mishap.

Jones joins a list of crooked players on tour. England have been criticised for bringing crooked pair Darren Gough and Andy Flintoff to Australia in the hope they would be fit to play in Brisbane, only for both of them to be ruled out of this Test.

Hayden's rich vein of form continued with his sixth century in his last 10 Tests and unconquered on 186 at the close with Damien Martyn, batting in Mark Waugh's No.4 spot, not out 9.

Although Australia dominated the opening day, England shot themselves in the foot with wayward bowling and shoddy fielding. Hayden had three lives.

Hayden and Ponting shared in a record Ashes partnership of 272 runs for the second wicket in Australia as Hussain was made to pay for putting the hosts into bat.

England have not held the Ashes since 1987 and there was nothing to suggest after a disastrous opening day that things would change with the tourists snaring just two wickets.

Jones, playing in his second Test, claimed Justin Langer for 32, edged to wicketkeeper Alec Stewart, and Ponting feathered a delivery from spinner Ashley Giles on to his stumps with 14 overs left in the day.

Ponting's sweetly-struck century featured two consecutive straight-hit sixes off Giles in a 253-minute chanceless stay at the crease.

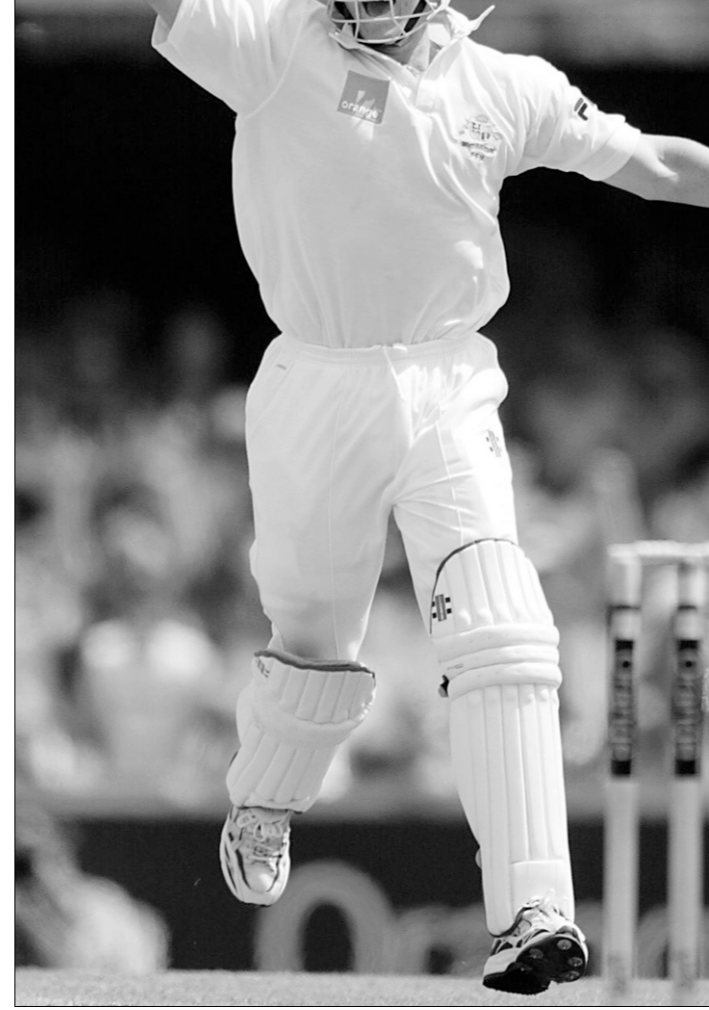
In contrast Hayden rode his luck. The 31-year-old Queensland left-hander, who amassed a record 1,391 runs in the 2001 calendar year, survived chances on 40, 102 and 138.

The first of those was a contentious catch by Jones which was turned down.

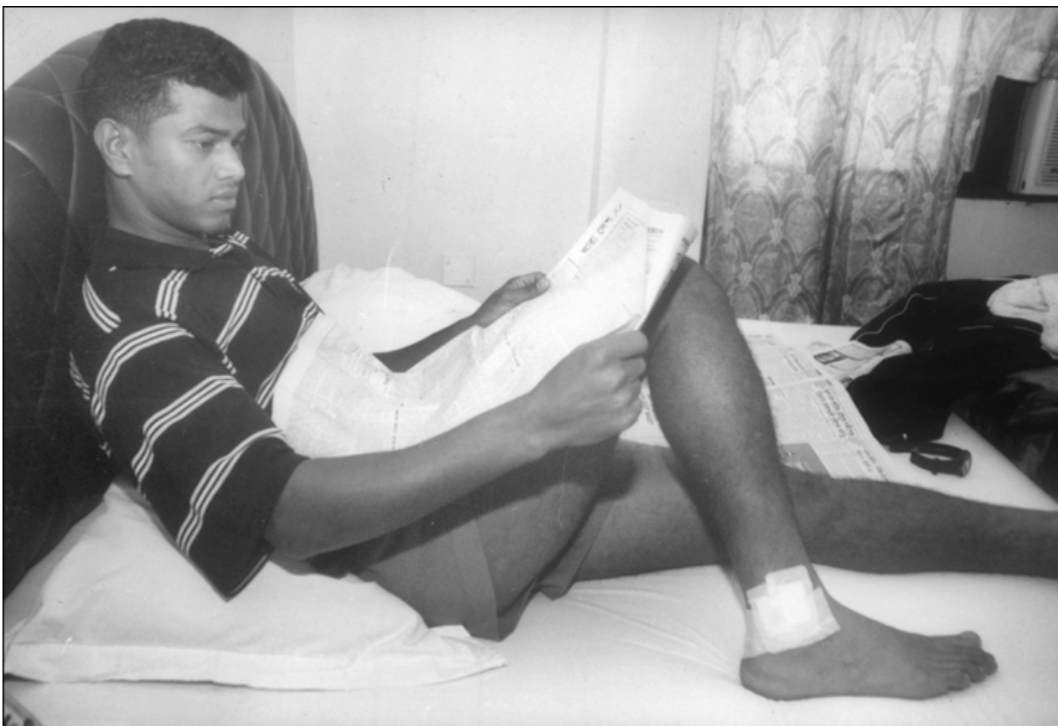
Umpires Rudi Koertzen and Steve Bucknor conferred with the video umpire Simon Taufel and ruled that Jones had not controlled the ball when effecting the overhead catch before he flung it away as he stumbled over the boundary rope at fine leg.

It got no better when Matthew Hoggard spilt a skied chance off Andy Caddick when Hayden was on 102. It was symbolic of a wretched day of ragged fielding by the Englishmen.

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Ace Australia opener Matthew Hayden runs for joy after reaching hundred on the opening day of the first Ashes Test at the Gabba yesterday.



BETTER THAN STAYING AT THE HOSPITAL! Bangladesh all-rounder Alok Kapali, with slight bruises on his ankle, rests inside his hotel room yesterday after being released from the Combined Military Hospital following a road accident on Wednesday.

BCB U-17s face CAB today

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) Under-17 team will take on Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) under-17 side in a one-day match at Rajdanga, in Kolkata today.

The visitors, touring West Bengal to play three one-dayers and two three-day matches, will then play a three-day match against their CAB counterparts at the FD Block Ground in Salt Lake from November 9 to 11.

The next two one-day matches will be held at the Eden Gardens on November 13 and 14. The last three-day match will be held at Khanchanjunga Stadium in Shiliguri from November 16 to 18.

A 16-member BCB under-17 team have already reached Kolkata on Wednesday.

SQUAD
Ashkur Rahman (captain), Gazi Sagor, Rubalyat Huq, Mohammad Elias, Nadif Chowdhury, Meer

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Chess Olympiad Men keep on rolling

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh's men team put on another solid performance at the 35th Chess Olympiad when they defeated GM-studded Romania 2.5-1.5 in Bled, Slovenia on Wednesday.

Grand Master Ziaur Rahman, who drew with Victor Korchnoi of Switzerland in round ten, won the opening board against Nisipeanu Liviu-Dieter.

And even though GM Niaz Murshed lost against Istratescu Andrei, International Masters Reefat-Bin-Sattar and Enamul Hossain with a victory and draw each, however, ensured a good result over the 14th-ranked Eastern European nation to push the team up the ladder into the top half of the table.

The highlight of the success was Enamul's draw against Vladislav Nevednichy (2555). It meant he had achieved his first 10-round GM norm. In order to join the ranks of Niaz, Zia, the young player must repeat the same kind of performance against either a super GM or a higher-rated opponent in the remaining three rounds.

The Germans resisted, but they

Bangladesh now have 25.5 points after the 11th round and on Thursday were scheduled to play Lithuania who also have the same number of points.

The women's team forced another draw this time against Finland in their eleventh round engagement.

WFM Shabana Parveen drew with WIM Koskela Niina. But Zakia Sultana beat another International Master Rantanen Tanja while Afroza Khanam drew.

Sultana also reached a distinction by collecting a 10-round IWM norm.

The result increased their points tally to 17. In the next round they play Slovenia-C.

An Internet report adds: It is starting to be a one-sided fight as Russia obtained a two-point lead over Hungary after routing Germany 3.5-5. The leaders have 32 points.

With FIDE president Kirsan Ilyumyhinov watching, Garry Kasparov arrived some five minutes late for his match against Christopher Lutz and plunged into battle.

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Taposh, Rafiqul recovering well

SPORTS REPORTER

Injured Bangladesh cricketers Taposh Kumar Baishya and Rafiqul Islam Khan are recovering well, but they have been kept under observation at the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) of Combined Military Hospital (CMH) for one more day.

Bangladesh cricket manager ASM Faruque said they were all right now. As part of precautionary measures they have been kept at CMH for another night.

The two along with fellow national mates Alok Kapali and Tushar Imran suffered injuries while going to Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium on an auto-rickshaw on Wednesday. The three-wheeler overturned at the city's Ramna Park area to avoid a collision with a truck.

All-rounder Alok and Tushar were released and advised to take rest after being attended with first aid.

"I have meet them in the morning and they were walking and talking. But doctors opted to

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Proteas wait on Kallis

Cricket

INTERNET, Johannesburg

The South African cricket team management is likely to give all-rounder Jacques Kallis as much time as possible before announcing whether he will be available for the first Test against Sri Lanka, beginning at the Wanderers on Friday.

Kallis missed this past weekend's Supersport Series final, after sustaining a slight hamstring injury in making 139 against Bangladesh last month.

Although the injury did not prevent Kallis from taking five wickets in the Bangladesh second innings, it was decided not to risk him ahead of the Sri Lankan series.

Still Kallis trained with the rest of the squad at the Wanderers on Tuesday.

By all accounts he came through his first session in ten days without any worries, but he is still being monitored by the team physiotherapist, Shane Jabbar.

On Tuesday the national selectors announced a 13-man squad that surprisingly excluded seamer David Terbrugge and batsman Martin van Jaarsveld, but included

recalls for Neil McKenzie, Steve Elworthy and Andrew Hall.

Hall, who took 11 wickets for Easterns, was in all likelihood picked as cover for Kallis.

However, on a Wanderers track that promises to be more like the quick, hard pitches of the past, the selectors may opt to play both Hall and Kallis if the latter is fit.

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tour game earlier this week, is not likely to effect the off-spinner either way.

Muralitharan conceded 136 from 31 overs, in taking three wickets against a Rest of South Africa selection at Lenasia. But even on a track that suits the quicks ahead of the spinners, Muralitharan still poses the gravest threat to the local

batsmen.

"Murali is part of that rare breed of champions," said Sri Lanka coach Dav Whatmore at nets on Wednesday.

"It doesn't matter what hap

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Pakistan look forward

Cricket

AFP, Harare

Pakistan will seek to emerge from three heavy defeats in Australia when they take on Zimbabwe here on Saturday in the first of two Test matches.

A lively wicket ideal for fast bowlers has been prepared at Harare Sports Club and with unsettled weather and brisk winds promised for the next two days at least, the pacemen will have ideal conditions.

Zimbabwe's premier batsman and vice-captain Andy Flower told AFP: "We will certainly get a result unless there's a lot of rain."

Pakistan need a lift after their

disaster against Australia -- in one match they barely reached 100 runs over two innings.

They prefer to remember a treble against West Indies and beating New Zealand earlier this year.

Zimbabwe lost 3-0 to Sri Lanka and 2-0 to India in their last two Test series so Pakistan start as warm favourites. They hold a 6-1 advantage over the Zimbabweans with three draws but over the years Zimbabwe have shown a capacity to surprise.

All the Pakistan players reported fit during a heavy training session under coach Richard Pybus here Thursday.

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any anxieties."

Pakistan has sent a Test squad of 15, from which a final 12 will not be named until Friday evening or perhaps not even until Saturday morning because playing conditions could change very quickly.

The selectors have full information about their current form, with the exception of Yousof Youhana. He has had little match practice this year and was out early against Zimbabwe A on Monday in a freak run-out incident.

Every other batsman in the top eight scored 40 runs or better in the warm-up match which lost its third and final day through rain.

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