



After waiting for almost 20 years. India gained their first ever victory in Test cricket by beating England by an innings and eight runs at Madras in 1951-52. India were playing their 25th match in the five-day version of the game.



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Mazharul Haque, he added 63 runs for the third wicket before Mazharul was given leg before on 56. It featured seven boundaries. Then he and another former Bangladesh captain Akram Khan put on 76, the day's highest stand for the fourth wicket. The dangerous partnership finally ended when Akram edged leg-spinner Alok Kapali to Khaled

Cricket

REUTERS, Centurion



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UNDER SCRUTINY: (R) Bangladesh A captain Aminul Islam pulls national team's Mohammad Rafique (not in picture) while (L) chief cricket selector Aliul Islam (L) and assistant selector GM Nawsher Prince watch the proceedings of the Challenge Trophy final standing at a corner of the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium vesterday.

Aminul anchors As

Mahmud in the slips for 31.

wickets in the final session

Ashraful was in marauding mood

sixes in only his second over.

around.

after

blade

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh A skipper Aminul Islam dominated Day One of the Challenge Trophy final at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday. Aminul was undefeated on 94 as the national second string side

reached 280 for six by the close of play in the four-day match after winning the toss. The experienced right-hander

came to the rescue after the fall of when he slammed Talha for three two wickets for 86 just before lunch. Aminul's patient knock contained eleven fours.

The country's first Test centurion showed selectors that he still had a role as a middle-order batsman during his 460-minute vigil Under pressure to perform,

Aminul took 130 minutes to complete his second fifty in the tournament with the help of seven bound-

Together with one-down

Fahim Muntasi The burly right-hander smote five SCOREBOARD boundaries in his 118-minute vigil.

Scoreboard on the first day of the The A team lost two further four-day Challenge Trophy final between Bangladesh national team Minhazul Abedin was batting and the A team at the Dhanmondi confidently but when he was on 16 Cricket Stadium yesterday: paceman Talha Jubair induced an BANGLADESHA: First innings edge from the veteran middle-order Ehsanul c K Mashud b Rafique 38 batsman. While Naimur Rahman Ashraful c Rafique b Talha was brilliantly caught by Mazharul Ibw b Taposh Mohammad Rafique at square leg Aminul batting when he tried to hit Talha out of the Akram c K Mahmud b Kapali

Minhazul c Bashar b Talha Earlier, opener Mohammad Naimur c Rafique b Talha Anwar batting Extras: (lb-5, nb-3, w-1) Total: (For 6 wickets in 90 overs)

However, it was the bowler who 280 had the last laugh. In his next over Fall of wickets: 1-36, 2-86, 3-149, 4-

he dismissed the world's youngest 225, 5-256, 6-256. To bat: Enamul Hoque, Hasibu The young right hander tried to Hossain and Alamgir Kabir. check his shot and as a result the Μ R W Bowler 0 ball went to Rafigue at mid-wicket 19 0 75 Taposh touching the edge of the 59 Talha 20 4 10 2 25 His partner Ehsanul Haque (38) K Mahmud 42 was equally destructive in his 104-Rafique 24 6

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African all rounder when he

attempted to hook a short delivery

and gloved a looping chance to

Scoreboard at tea on the first day of

the second and final Test between

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Gary Kirsten at short leg

SCOREBOARD

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Carl not coming

said

out star batsman Brian Lara due to a

CARL HOOPER

week when the selectors meet to

The Jamaican gave West Indies

a blistering start in an 80-run open-

ing stand with Wavell Hinds (26),

and added 148 for the fourth wicket

with Ramnaresh Sarwan on a flat

out, beating the 84 he scored at

his maiden one-day century with

two balls remaining but could man-

age only two twos off left-arm pace-

Rajkot earlier this week.

man Ashish Nehra.

The 22-year-old Sarwan was

The Guyanese needed five for

September

pick the squad.

pitch

Cricket

AFP, New Delhi

West Indies captain Carl Hooper will not tour Bangladesh at the conclusion of the current one-day series in India due to a knee injury, team officials said on Friday.

Hooper missed Tuesday's third one-day international against India at Rajkot because of the injury sustained soon after the West Indies arrived in India last month.

Even though he is expected to play the remaining four one-dayers in India, Hopper will sit out the two Tests and three one-day internationals the team plays in Bangladesh in late November and December.

"Although the injury has been providing Hooper with ongoing discomfort and cause for concern. it has been successfully managed so far on tour," team manager Ricky Skerritt said in the statement.

"Hooper has now decided to undergo the required corrective surgery at the end of November so that he will be fully recovered by the start of our pre-World Cup camp in January," Skerritt said.

A specialist in Australia will carry out the procedure, the statement

N'ganj DC Cup soccer champs

OUR CORRESPONDENT "I've assured Hooper of the full

support of the West Indies Cricket Narayanganj clinched the Dhaka Board and told him that we all look **Divisional Commissioner Gold Cup** forward to his complete recovery Football League title beating hosts and return to the team," Skerritt Tangail 4-1 at the local stadium The absence of the experienced vesterday

The match locked 1-1 in the first Hooper will come as a blow to the West Indies, who are already withhalf.

> Abul Hossain, Tapu, Khokon and Zakir scored one each for the winners while Mizanur netted the lone goal for the losers.

State Minister for Labour and Manpower Lutfur Rahman Khan distributed prizes as chief guest. Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) President SA Sultan MP was present.

Magura soccer

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Sreerampur Friends Club defeated Madanpur Hareian Smriti Sangsad 4-2 in the Econo First Division Football League at the Magura Stadium vesterday.

mystery illness sustained during the Shamim, Polash, Babu and Selim Champions Trophy in Sri Lanka in netted one each for the winners while Khairul reduced the margin A new West Indian captain for the scoring two goals for the losers. Bangladesh tour, which starts on November 26, will be named next

AH Khan Smriti Sangsad take on Mohammadpur Ekadosh today at the same venue

Gayle flays India

Opener Chris Gayle smashed an explosive 140 as West Indies amassed 324 for four from their 50 overs in the fourth one-day interna-

Gayle's third one-day century



lating knock of 140 against India in the fourth ODI yesterday.

and final Test of the series against

Zimbabwe this weekend.

Gayle, 23, was flawless in his early onslaught, punishing India's opening bowlers with a flurry of boundaries

He got off the mark with a four and then opened the floodgates in the sixth over, hammering Nehra for stranded on a career-best 99 not three consecutive boundaries through the off-side and pulling him for six over mid-wicket.

Nehra also went for 15 in his next over as Gayle hit another big six before raising his 50 off 30 balls with an inside edge off Javagal Srinath that beat wicketkeeper Rahul Dravid and went for four.

Hinds joined in, pulling Srinath over mid-wicket for six but fell later in the same over when he edged to Dravid trying to repeat the shot. He scored 26 off 24 balls.

The introduction of Harbhajan Sinch slowed the scoring as the offspinner conceded only six runs in his first five overs. Marlon Samuels was run out for five going for a guick single to Mohammad Kaif at cover.

But Sarwan and Gavle rebuilt the innings, taking guick singles and punishing any loose balls. Gayle hit occasional bowler

in the fourth one-day international **REUTERS**, Ahmedabad wicket to fall after making only eight off 10 deliveries. Stylish Rahul

> tional against India on Friday. his second of the series, left India to chase a huge target under lights in the only day-night game of the

Singh made a quickfire 30 but fell off the last ball of the 34th over. VVS Laxman made 66 Murali to miss SA one-dayers

REUTERS, Johannesburg

last night

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94

Off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan was omitted on Thursday from the Sri Lanka squad for a five-match one-day series against South Africa starting this month.

was batting with 77 off 100 balls.

Explosive southpaw Yuvraj

Six players have been called up for the series, including veteran batsman Aravinda de Silva who retired from Test cricket in October.

India 231-5 SPORTS REPORTER Cricket India were 231 for five in 37.2 overs

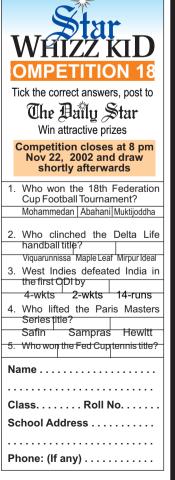
against West Indies in Ahmedabad Mohammad Kaif was the last

Dravid was at the other end who



Inzamamul Haq

(Pakistan's star batsman) "I was very happy with my innings but I'm not near Javed Miandad. After scoring century in the first Test against Zimbabwe.





Challenge Trophy Cricket Tourna-ment Final Bangladesh vs Bangladesh A (Day Two) Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium

minute stav Besides, wrecker-in-chief Talha

Test centurion for 23

who bagged three for 59, Taposh Baishiya, left-arm spinner Mohammad Rafique and legspinner Alok Kapali each shared three wickets. Although the BCB team was

Good start for Lanka

announced excluding Taposh and Kapali on Thursday evening, both were included in place of paceman Monjurul Islam and off-spinner

BANGLADESH: Khaled Mashud (captain), Habibul Bashar, Hannan Sarkar, Al-Shahriar, Sanwar Hossain, Tushar Imran, Talha Jubair, Khaled Mahmud, Mohammad Rafique, Taposh Baishiya and Alok Kapali Umpires: Mahbubur Rahman and Akhteruddin Shahin. Toss: Bangladesh A.

Sanwar

"We have picked a balanced side," said chairman of selectors Guy de Alwis, currently in South Africa with the Test squad. "This series will be a good test for

the youngsters. We are looking particularly closely at the fast bowlers as we look forward to the Australian series and the World Cup."

Off-spinning all-rounder Thilan Samaraweera has been called in as a replacement for Muralitharan, who is expected to undergo a hernia operation shortly after the second Test against the South Africans which began at Centurion on Friday. Hard-hitting left-hander Avishka

Gunawardene is recalled as cover for injured skipper Sanath Jayasuriya, who is expected to miss some of the earlier matches after damaging ligaments in his right ankle during training on Tuesday.

One-day specialists Upul Chandana and Pulasthi Gunaratne are both included and the final place goes to 22-year-old fast bowler Prabath Nissanka, who won the last of his four caps in December 2001. The new players are due to arrive

n South Africa on Monday. SQUAD

Sanath Jayasuriya (captain), Marvan Atapattu, Kumar Sangakkara, Russel Arnold, Mahela Jayawardene, Aravinda de Silva, Jehan Mubarak, Avishka Gunawardene, Hasantha Fernando, Upul Chandana, Thilan Samaraweera, Pulasthi Gunaratne Chaminda Vaas, Dilhara Fernando, Chamila Gamage Lakshitha, Prabath Nissanka.

Stopping fans Baroda style

AFP, Baroda

Organisers of Monday's fifth oneday match between India and the West Indies here have hung fishing nets around the ground to prevent fans from injuring players, officials said.

The first three one-dayers in the seven-match series have been marred by unruly spectators throwing missiles, including plastic water bottles at the players.

The Baroda Cricket Association, worried that similar incidents may deny them international matches in future, hit on the novel idea of placing fishing nets between the stands and the playing field

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Yuvrai Singh for four over midwicket and flicked medium-pacer Saniav Bangar to the square-leg fence before reaching his 100 off 99 balls

He was finally caught at long-on as he tried to drive a Virender Sehwag full-toss for six.

Shivnarine Chanderpaul fell for three but Sarwan continued to pile on the agony for India in an unbroken 66-run stand with his captain Carl Hooper, who finished unbeaten on 36.

West Indies lead the series 2-1. SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the West Indies innings against India in the fourth one-day international at the Motera Stadium in Ahmedabad on Friday: WEST INDIES

Gavle c Kartik b Sehwag 140 Hinds c Dravid b Srinath 26 Samuels run out 5 Sarwan not out 99 C'paul c sub (Mongia) b Harbhajan3 Hooper not out Extras: (lb-5, w-9, nb-1) 15 Total: (For 4 wkts in 50 overs) 324 Fall of wickets: 1-80, 2-90, 3-238, 4-258

Did not bat: Ridley Jacobs, Pedro PHOTO: INTERNET Collins, Mervyn Dillon, Mahendra Nagamootoo, Vasbert Drakes. West Indies opener Chris Gayle whacks one on the on-side during his scintil-SEE PAGE 15 COL 5

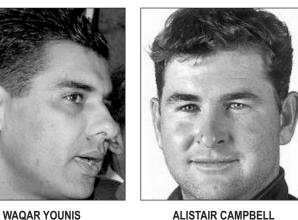
might well be very hot.

This will suit the Pakistanis, even

Pakistan start favourites

Having won the first Test in Harare by 119 runs with a day to spare, Waqar Younis' team will approach Saturday's full of warrior confidence in a city also know as the place of killing because of its bloody past.

They will be playing on a slowish wicket that will last all scheduled five days and the weather, if it stays dry,



though their tactics call for only four bowlers Their team which will be revealed on Friday is likely to be the same as the one which defeated Zimbabwe, despite some shaky batting perfor-

mances by Saleem Elahi, Younis Khan and Hasan Raza.

The policy appears to be that batsmen should be given a fair run to prove themselves. Elahi, in particular, though scoring only two runs in two innings, has been in and out of the side several times.

Coach Richard Pybus said all members of the squad are fit and there are no qualms about the bowling work being shared between only four -- Younis, Shoaib Akhtar, Mohammad Sami and Saqlain Mushtaq.

Although they were made to toil against Zimbabwe in the home side's second innings of 310, they were basically secured the victory by confining their opponents to 225

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two runs short of his maiden Test fifty as Sri Lanka continued to make good progress on Day One of the Africa captain Shaun Pollock, Sri

out and Hashan Tillekaratne on 31. Despite playing in just his second test, the 21 year-old Mubarak batted with the confidence of a veteran, a model of technique in defence and dismissive of anything loose from the South African bowlers.

But after pulling Pollock contemptuously through mid-wicket for four, the South African captain struck to claim the third wicket of the innings, Graeme Smith pocketing a routine chance at first slip as Mubarak attempted to force the ball away off the back foot.

But it proved the only breakthrough of the session for the home side. Although the pitch still has a fair covering of grass, Jayawardene and Tillakaratne looked increasingly comfortable dealing with the fiveman South African seam attack. after the selectors decided not to include left arm spinner Claude Henderson

Pollock for an entertaining 35

Marvan Atapattu, standing in as captain for the injured Sanath Jayasuriya, was the only other wicket to fall in the morning. Atapattu had just taken succes-Young opener Jehan Mubarak fell

aries

sive boundaries from Jacques Kallis's first over but fell to the South

second Test against South Africa on Friday After being sent into bat by South

Lanka reached tea on 173 for three, with Mahela Jayawardene on 35 not

By tea the pair had added 65 in an unbroken partnership for the fourth wicket. Sri Lanka went to lunch on 90 for

two after the fall of Kumar Sangakkara, the left-hander driving loosely at a delivery from Andrew Hall in the final over of the session and snapped up at first slip by including five crisply struck bound-

PHOTO: AFP Sri Lanka's Mahela Jayawardene lets a delivery go on the first day of the second Test against South Africa at Centurion yesterday.

