



Did U Know?

Walter Zenga, goalkeeper of Italy, holds the record of longest unbeaten run in World Cup history. He played 517 minutes (Almost 6 games) without letting a goal in the 1990 tournament. Claudio Caniggia of Argentina ended his run in the semifinal that Italy lost on penalties.



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Lleyton Hewitt

(Australian tennis star)
"I know Sampras has said a lot of the time that it's a lot harder to hold the number one position. There's no doubt about that. It's bloody tough."

After being crowned the world's number one player for the second

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Challenge Trophy Cricket Tournament Final
Bangladesh vs Bangladesh A
(Day Three)
Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.



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Bangladesh national team's Al Shahrir sweeps Enamul Hoque (not in picture) of A team on the second day of the Challenge Trophy final at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Seniors challenged

A thrive on Aminul ton



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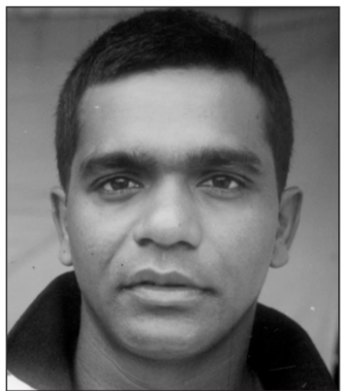
The Bangladesh A team threw down the gauntlet to the national team to overhaul their imposing first innings 366 on the second day of the four-day Challenge Trophy final at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

The National Team were 160-4 at stumps, still needing 206 runs to match the collective effort of Aminul Islam's second string side.

Aminul seized the spotlight for a second successive day when the experienced right-hander transformed his 94 overnight into 135.

Desperately looking for a comeback into the senior team, Aminul completed his hundred in the fourth over of the day with a four down to square-leg boundary off right-arm paceman Talha Jubair. The good thing of Aminul's 272-ball knock was that he timed the ball well and played some exquisite shots, which was missing from his blade for a long time. He clobbered 14

boundaries. His overnight partner and young wicketkeeper Anwar also played a



AMINUL ... big ton

disciplined 49 not out. Together they put on 79 for the seventh wicket before Aminul mistimed an attempted lofted drive to Tushar Imran at mid-on.

Anwar, who was looking good with every passing game, struck nine boundaries in his 136-ball knock. The pocket-size stumper was stranded one run shy of a well

deserved half-century as wickets tumbled at the other end after Aminul perished.

National right-arm paceman Taposh Baishya mopped up the tail to finish with four for 85.

The national team, in their chase, got off to a confident start with Hannan Sarker and Al-Shahrir producing 66 runs in 19 overs before slow left-arm Enamul Hoque dismissed the former for 25.

Al-Shahrir was impressive with his usual stroke-play before off-spinner Naimur Rahman trapped the right-hander left before for 43. Al-Shahrir clubbed seven fours in his 73-ball knock.

Habibul Bashar became the lone victim of leg-spinner Ashrafur after making only 16. The top batsman of the country was deceived by the turn and bounce of Ashrafur and was smartly taken by Anwar behind the wicket.

Naimur, who missed the first meeting between the two teams, also removed Sanwar Hossain for 35 to finish the day with 2-58.

Tushar Imran and Alok Kapali carefully negotiated the ball in the

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Beware of culprits

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The Ministry of Youth and Sports has directed the National Sports Council (NSC) to make sure that no criminal sneak out of the country under the pretext of sport person.

The directive came in light of press reports regarding the arrest of some persons at the Zia International Airport on Thursday. The group was about leave for Slovenia to take part in a weightlifting competition with forged documents.

The NSC is learnt to be issuing a circular soon to all its federations asking that it would be held responsible for any such untoward incident. Federations will have to give undertaken for sports persons, teams and delegates who are to take part in any international competition and meeting.

Mahbub heads

cricket body

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) president Ali Asghar yesterday announced eleven sub-committees to supervise the activities of the Board.

Mahbubul Anam will head the crucial Cricket Committee while Ali Asif Khan will act as member-secretary.

The BCB president had earlier named Shah Nurul Kabir Shaheen as chairman of the Tournament Committee and CCDM.

Arafat Rahman, the younger son of Primer Minister Khaleda Zia, was retained as chairman of the Development Committee. Afzalur Rahman Sinha also held on to his post as chairman of the Finance Committee while the Marketing Committee will be looked after by Aziz al Kaisar.

Jalal Yunus was promoted from member-secretary to chairman of the Publication Committee. Rezauddin al Mamun will be in charge of the Media Committee.

President of Victoria Sporting Club Shafiqur Rahman has been given the responsibility of the Grounds Committee.

Ali Zahed has been entrusted with the Umpires' Committee.

U-17s post big total

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The Bangladesh Under-17 team scored a commanding 257 for seven on the opening day of the three-day match against CAB at the Kanchanjanga ground in Shilpuri yesterday.

Sent into bat, the visitors who are playing their last tour match on their successful tour, thrived on half-centuries from opener Naeem and Tanveer to post a big total.

In-form Naeem scored a 93-ball 61 that included 11 boundaries. Tanvir was batting on 73 at the stumps. Himer with 49 was the other chief scorer.

The Bangladesh youths have already won the three-match one-day series 2-1 and the first three-day match by four wickets.

Pioneer rout River

CU CORRESPONDENT

Ijjatnagar Pioneer blanked River Side 7-0 in the 15th Ispahani Mahanagar Pioneer Football League at the Dampara Police Lines ground on Friday.

Abdul Halim scored twice while Akter Hossain, Rezaul Karim, Jasim Uddin, Habibur Rahman, Selimul Haq netted one each for the winners.

On Thursday defending champions Blue Star Club mauled Nabin Club 8-0.

Magura soccer

OUR CORRESPONDENT

AH Khan Smriti Sangsad trounced Mohammadpur Ekadosh 5-0 in the Econo First Division Football League at the Magura Stadium yesterday.

The first half ended goalless. Noor Islam scored hat-trick while Suman netted one for the winners. The rest goal was suicidal.

Niznanduall Sporting Club take on Shaheed Murad Smriti Sangsad today at the same venue.

Thumbs up to chess

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Bangladesh men's team finished 34th in the 35th Chess Olympiad that ended in Bled, Slovenia on November 11.

This was the best-ever achievement by a Bangladesh team, who were ranked 55th at the start of the 14-round competition that involved 136 nations and five organisations.

Officials of the Bangladesh Chess Federation (BCF) expressed their satisfaction at the team's performance at a press briefing

yesterday.

"We congratulate the players for their accomplishment. We are also grateful to the sports minister for arranging a three-month training prior to the biggest chess meet," said the general secretary of BCF Syed Sujauddin.

He also praised the ladies team for achieving a respectable result.

The men's team scored 31 points in the 14-round competition to finish at par with India, Azerbaijan, Moldova, Sweden, Rumania, Canada and Brazil. Besides, 22-

year-old International Master Enamul Hossain Rajib got an 11-round GM norm in the competition.

He scored highest nine points in the five-member men's team that included two Grand Masters Niaz Murshed and Ziaur Rahman.

Bangladesh women's team also fought well, finishing with 21.5 points. Zakia Sultana was the key performer among the ladies, scoring 8.5 points from 13 games. Zakia also secured an 11-round International Women's Master norm in the highest chess competition.

AT A GLANCE

MEN				
Name/Rating	Matches Played	Opponents	Rating Pts	Rating +/-
GM Ziaur Rahman (2523)	12	2545	8	+17.2
IM Enamul Hossain (2396)	13	2430	9	+26
IM Abdullah-al Rakib (2398)	10	2466	5.5	+8
IM Reefat-bin Sattar (2448)	11	2516	5	-1
SK. Nasir Ahmed ((2306)	5	2297	2.5	-75
GM Niaz Murshed (2443)	5	2518	1	-10
WOMEN				
Zakia Sultana	13	2165	8.5	+2202
Shabana Parvin (2124)	11	2196	5.5	+14
Afroza Khanom (2014)	7	2145	4	+9
IMW Rani Hamid (2148)	11	2266	3.5	-14

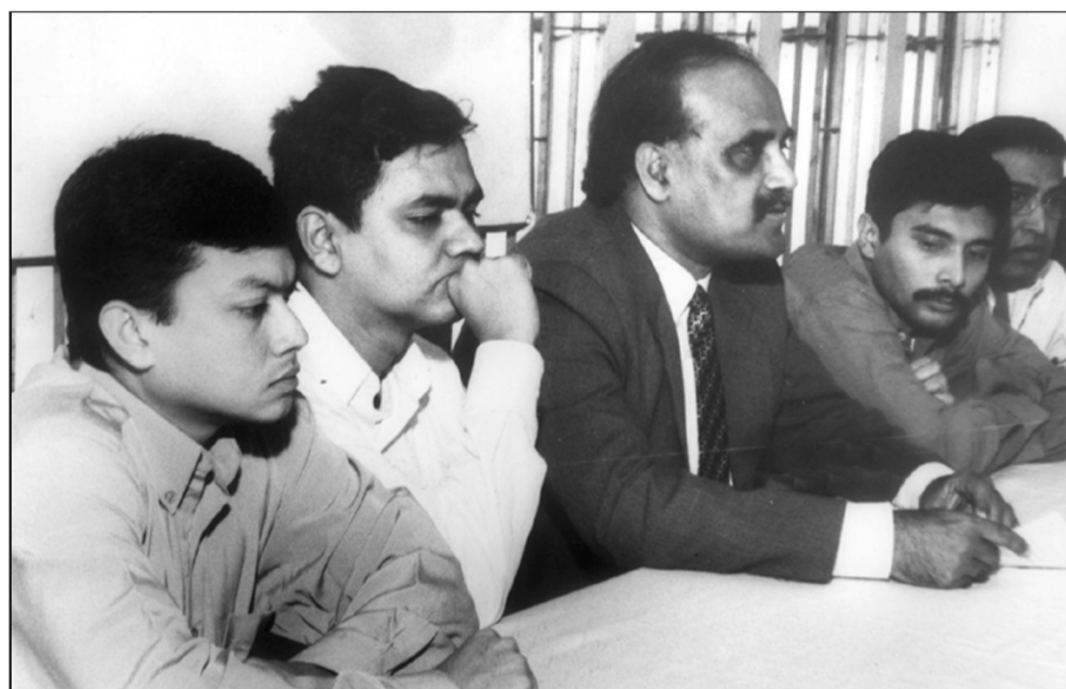


PHOTO: STAR

Bangladesh Chess Federation general secretary Syed Sujauddin Ahmed (M) speaks about the national team's performance in the recently held Olympiad at a press briefing yesterday.

Dravid scripts the drama



AFP, Ahmedabad

Rahul Dravid slammed a solid unbeaten 109 to help India post a remarkable five-wicket victory over the West Indies in the fourth one-day international here Friday.

Dravid's eighth century enabled India to surpass an imposing West Indies total of 324-4 with 14 balls to spare in the third-highest chase in one-day internationals.

India squared the seven-match series 2-2 with this win in the day-night game.

Dravid also upstaged West Indies opener and man-of-the-match Chris Gayle, who hammered an explosive 140 to help his team set a stiff target and shared a 148-run stand for the third wicket with

Ramnaresh Sarwan (99 not out). This was the second time this year that India has successfully chased a big target, having stunned England by scoring 326 in the NatWest Trophy final at Lord's in July.

"I think confidence is the key to successfully chasing a huge target twice in a year," said a smiling India skipper Saurav Ganguly.

"Dravid, (Sanjay) Bangar and (Venkatsai) Laxman batted really well and brought us back into the match. Chris Gayle nearly took the game away from us as he played some great shots."

It was a run-feast on a batting wicket at the heavily-guarded Motera Stadium as nearly 50,000 spectators enjoyed an impressive stroke-play from the Indian and West Indian batsmen in the first trouble-free game of the series.

Bangar survived a confident appeal for caught behind off pacerman Vasbert Drakes and went on to play a crucial role in India's victory.

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Only Hashan stands out



AFP, Centurion

Hashan Tillakaratne became the first Sri Lankan to hit a Test century in South Africa as his team kept alive their hopes of a series-levelling win on the second day of the second and final Test on Saturday.

Tillakaratne's 104 not out enabled Sri Lanka to reach 323 in their first innings at Centurion Park. South Africa were 87 for two at tea in reply.

Fast bowler Dilhara Fernando took both South African wickets, trapping Graeme Smith left before for 15 and having Gary Kirsten caught at gully for 11.

Herschelle Gibbs, who missed the first Test because of a back injury, was unbeaten on 43.

South African fast bowler Makhaya Ntini took three wickets in five balls to put Tillakaratne's landmark at risk. Tillakaratne was on 91 when Ntini's burst left Sri Lanka reeling at 281 for nine.

Last man Muttiah Muralitharan stayed long enough for the left-handed Tillakaratne to reach his tenth career century and was the major contributor to a Sri Lankan record tenth wicket partnership against South Africa of 42.

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PHOTO: AFP

Sri Lanka's Hashan Tillekaratne salutes the crowd after completing his hundred against South Africa on the second day of the second Test at Centurion yesterday.

Ronaldo rewarded



REUTERS, Madrid

Brazilian striker Ronaldo succeeded his Real Madrid teammate Zinedine Zidane as French magazine Onze Mondial's player-of-the-year on Friday.

Ronaldo, who joined Real from Inter Milan in a controversial transfer worth 45 million euros (45.10 million dollars) at the start of the season, said the award was recognition for his performances at this year's World Cup.

"Winning the World Cup and being top scorer have made this prize possible and I am obviously very pleased with it," he told reporters after receiving the award at Real's training ground on Friday.

"It is an important prize and after overcoming two years of problems, winning it has made me very happy and I hope that others will follow."

Ronaldo, who also won the award in 1997, is one of the favourites to win Europe's Balon D'Or and the FIFA world-player-of-the-year, which are awarded next month.

The 26-year-old Brazilian had little to say about his team's Champions League draw, which sees the holders pitted against AC



PHOTO: AFP

Real Madrid's Brazilian ace Ronaldo holds the Onze Mondial award presented to him by the French magazine in Madrid on November 15.

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