



## Did U Know?

As many as 309 runs were scored by a batsman in a day's play - 105 before lunch, 115 between lunch and tea and 89 in the last session. Sir Don Bradman of Australia played this hurricane knock against England at Leeds in 1930 in his score of 334.



**Sachin Tendulkar**  
(Indian batting maestro)  
"I really think India stand a very good chance of winning the next year's World Cup in South Africa."



### ESPN

**Pakistan vs Zimbabwe**  
Second Test, Day Four  
**Live at 1:55 pm**  
Sportscentre Hindi  
Sport News  
**Live at 9:00 pm**  
Cricket Programming  
Legends Of Cricket  
Repeat at 9:30 pm

### STAR Sports

Harsha Online  
Cricket Talk Show  
Repeat at 12:00 pm  
Futbol Mundial  
Repeat at 1:00 pm  
South Africa vs Sri Lanka  
Second Test, Day Four  
Highlights  
Repeat at 1:30 pm  
**South Africa vs Sri Lanka**  
Second Test, Day Five  
**Live at 2:25 pm**  
Sportsline Tonight  
Sport News  
**Live at 9:30 pm**  
Asia Sport Show  
Int'l Sports News  
Repeat at 11:30 pm

## Anwar makes Grade A

### Four-day match ends in a draw



SPORTS REPORTER

The national team and Bangladesh A shared honours as the four-day Challenge Trophy final ended in a draw, but the final day would be remembered for a sublime century by Anwar Hossain at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

The 19-year-old wicketkeeper-batsman started from scratch to dictate the pattern of play with an unbeaten 126 as the second string side overcame a nervous start to score 286 for seven before the match was declared a draw.

Anwar held the fort like a champion fighter after the A team resumed the day on 17-2. Showing the maturity beyond his age, the right-hander justified his promotion up the order. Having batted at number eight only in the first innings where he contributed an unbeaten 49, the pocket-size stumper demonstrated his ability to bat in any situation.

"His technique is good, he hardly chooses the aerial route and most importantly he plays every shot with a straight bat," said match referee

Roquibul Hassan after naming the young cricketer from Bikrampur the player-of-the-tournament.

"His shot selection is excellent. I was quite impressed to see him not let the loose ball go unpunished," observed the former national captain.

Roquibul however dismissed the prospect of Anwar taking over the gloves from Bangladesh captain Khaled Mashud.

"Definitely Anwar kept wicket very well. But it is still too early to think of him as a successor to Khaled (Mashud) at the moment. He can be best used as an opening batsman for the A team so that eventually he can establish himself at the senior level," said Roquibul, who himself was an accomplished opener.

Anwar hammered 17 boundaries in his 238-ball undefeated vigil at the crease. His only blemish came when he lofted the ball while on 83, but Tushar Imran spilled the chance at long on.

He shared 118 runs for the fifth wicket with Akram Khan, who himself scored a fluent 60 off 117 balls that included eight boundaries.

Mehrab Hossain, playing as a substitute for injured middle-order batsman Mazharul Huq, was the

other notable run-getter with 37.

First innings centurion and A team captain Aminul Islam scored just four before being clean bowled by left-arm spinner Mohammed Rafique.

Minhazul Abedin's attempt to earn a maiden Test cap ended in failure when the experienced right-hander became Rafique's second victim after making only 15.

Rafique was the pick of the national team bowlers finishing with three for 65.

Khaled Mashud's injury was the other significant incident on the last day. The Bangladesh captain was struck on the nose after a delivery from left-arm spinner Mohammed Rafique suddenly popped up hitting the rough during the post-tea session.

Mashud was immediately rushed to a clinic for a precautionary X-ray. He later returned to the ground after the injury required one stitch. But the attending doctor advised him to rest for at least 48 hours to confirm whether a mark on his nose bone was sustained from an earlier injury or a hairline fracture that occurred yesterday.

Apart from Mashud's injury, the

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PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

**DON'T GET TOO COMFORTABLE, I'M NEXT IN LINE!** Bangladesh A wicketkeeper Anwar Hossain executes a square cut during his unbeaten hundred while national team captain and fellow glovesman Khaled Mashud watches with admiration at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

## World Player of the Yr

### FIFA names candidates

INTERNET, Zurich

FIFA announced their candidates for the World Player of the Year award yesterday, and there were few surprises as Ronaldo, Zinedine Zidane and Oliver Kahn were named by a panel of more than 140 national team coaches.

Ronaldo is the clear favourite to win following his triumphant return to form in the 2002 World Cup, where his eight goals helped Brazil to glory.

His form for Real Madrid since moving in the summer has been generally poor, despite a great start. He scored two goals on his debut, but then suffered a long drought before scoring in Real's win last weekend. His case may be helped by the fact that his closest rival Oliver Kahn has had an even worse season so far.

Kahn was voted as FIFA's Player of the World Cup, as his inspirational performances helped an unfancied Germany team to the Final. Ronaldo got the better of him that day. He is the first goalkeeper to be nominated for this award.

Since then, Bayern's nightmare exit from the Champions League has dampened his spirits and his reputation, which took a further battering when he was caught in a disco when he was supposed to be resting and recovering from an injury. These

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## Ganguly out of last two ODIs

REUTERS, Baroda

India captain Saurav Ganguly has been rested for the last two one-day internationals against West Indies due to a back injury.

Rahul Dravid will lead the team in Ganguly's absence.

"Ganguly is struggling with his back and will be rested," Karunakaran Nair, secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), said after a selection committee meeting on Monday.

Ganguly said on Sunday he might withdraw from the final two games in Jodhpur (November 21) and Vijaywada (November 24) to be with his father, who is set to undergo his second heart bypass operation in England later this month.

### SQUAD

Rahul Dravid (captain), Virender Sehwag, Vangipurappu Laxman, Dinesh Mongia, Yuvraj Singh, Mohammad Kaif, Sanjay Bangar, Harbhajan Singh, Reetinder Singh Sodhi, Ajit Agarkar, Javagal Srinath, Murali Kartik, Parthiv Patel, Ashish Nehra, Sarandeep Singh.

## Ispahani Pioneer football

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Mirzapur Khelower Kallayan Samity reached the second round of the Ispahani Mahanagari Pioneer Football League as Kha Group champions outplaying Zompara Young Society 4-0 at the Dampara Police Lines ground in Chittagong yesterday.

Allauddin scored twice while Mamunur Rashid and Jamaluddin netted one each for the winners.

Earlier, Blue Star Club also reached the second round securing the Ka Group top position.

## Thai Air spoils BFF plan



SPORTS REPORTER

In a late development yesterday, the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) had to change its plan and send the national team to Yangon one day ahead of the schedule.

The 23-member Bangladesh national football team was scheduled to fly off to Yangon tomorrow via Bangkok, but the Thai Airways failed to confirm the tickets in time, forcing BFF to go for Singapore Airlines.

The booters will now leave the country for Myanmar tonight to play couple of friendly matches against Myanmar in Yangon on November 22 and 24. They are expected to reach Yangon tomorrow morning

after a five-hour stopover at the Singapore Airport.

The BFF has arranged this six-day tour as part of the national team's build-up to the forthcoming South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship, starting in Dhaka from January 10.

The unexpected change in flight schedule however forced BFF to drop their plan for playing a few more practice matches in Bangkok while returning home through Thai Airways from Yangon.

Coach George Kottan however remains happy with the fact that his charges will at least play two practice matches against Myanmar, who are also preparing for next month's Tiger (ASEAN) Cup to be held in Jakarta.

"These two matches will help me find a good combination. In fact, every nation plays such matches

before finalising their playing eleven for any tournament," said Kottan while talking to The Daily Star over his cell phone yesterday.

"Myanmar is a powerful team. Hopefully these matches will help us build up a good understanding," added Kottan.

He also informed that each of the 23 players were physically all right for the trip.

Meanwhile, the BFF has announced a monthly salary of Taka ten thousand for each of the 23 national footballers for next three months with effect from November.

### SQUAD

Biplab Bhattacharya, Aminul Hqa, Titumeer Chowdhury, Rajani Kanta Barman, Nazrul Islam, Mohammad Sujon, Mahmudul Hasan, Hasan Al-Mamun, Firoz Mahmud Hossain,

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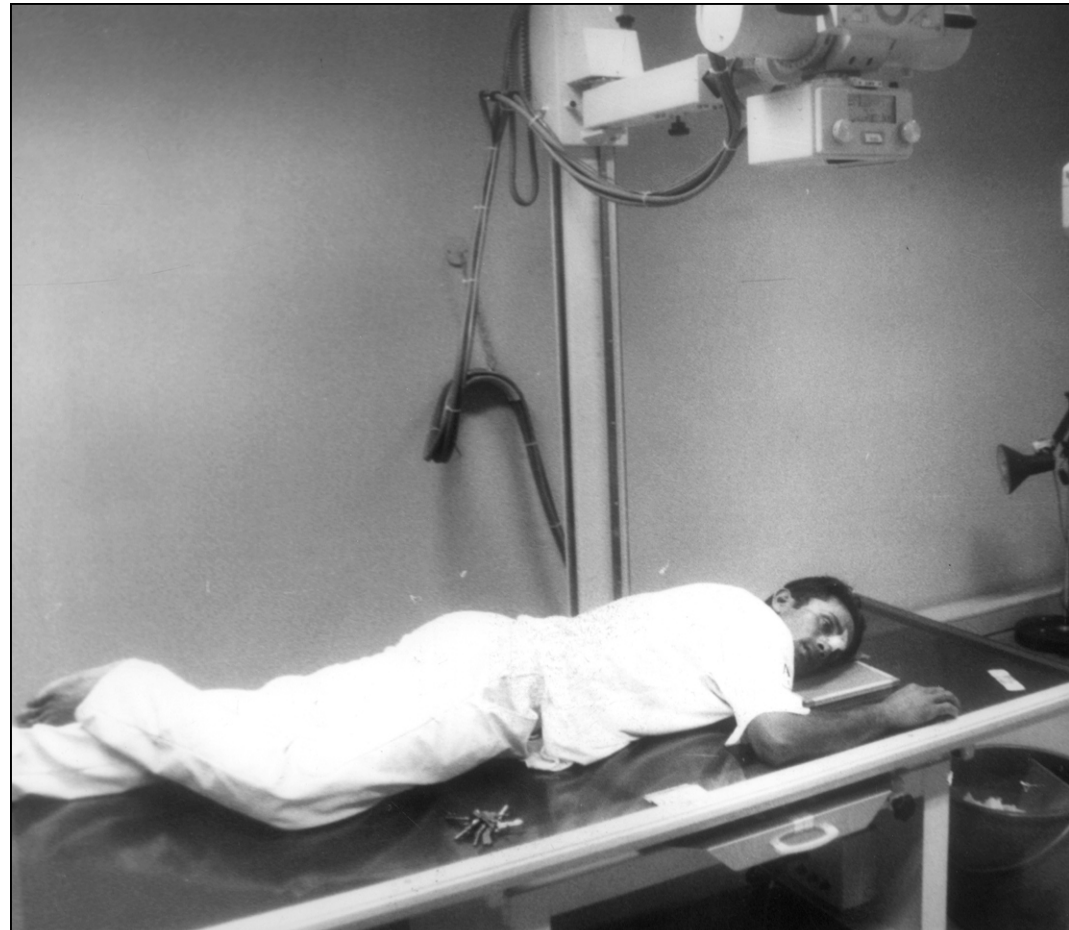


PHOTO: STAR

**JUST TO BE ON THE SAFE SIDE:** National captain Khaled Mashud undergoes a precautionary X-ray at the Bangladesh Medical College and Hospital in Dhanmondi after being hit on the nose during the match against the A team yesterday.

## Tourists take charge

### Youhana secures big Pak lead



AFP, Bulawayo

Zimbabwe have suffered four opening batting failures in the Test series against Pakistan and once again on Monday it fell to the senior middle-order players to perform a salvage operation.

Facing a deficit on first innings of 225 in the second of two Tests at the Queens Sports Club here, the home side lost Dion Ebrahim for seven and debutant Mark Vermeulen for 37.

Once again it has become the responsibility of Alistair Campbell and Grant Flower to try and recover from an ugly start. Both hit Shoaib Akhtar for a six, a rare indignity for him.

At the tea interval of the third day they were on 33 and 29 respectively, while Zimbabwe's score moved on to 96-2. The deficit, reduced to 129, means prospects of an innings victory by Waqar Younis' Pakistan side is fading.

But realistically Zimbabwe have only Andy Flower as a substantial batsman to come.

Hamilton Masakadza, who burst onto the Test scene last year with a century against West Indies, has managed only nine and two ducks against Pakistan in this series and his confidence is at a low ebb.

Pakistan are one up in the series and are confident now of an impressive double, although they might have to bat again for it.

The tourists' domination of this match has been mainly down to Yousuf Youhana.

He scored a solid 159, based on patient shot selection. He hit 21 boundaries. It was his tenth Test century and he passed 6,000 runs in Test cricket - he was only out when Ray Price got a freak low bounce and bowled him out of a rough patch.

However, his 51 overs produced four wickets for 116, just reward after seeing three catches put down.

When Zimbabwe began their second innings, Saqlain Mushtaq immediately took the new ball. Up to the tea break he had no success with it, though he conceded only nine runs in eight overs. His 7-66 in the first innings is still mesmerising

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PHOTO: AFP

**Pakistan centurion Yousuf Youhana follows through on a cut-shot on the third day of the second Test against Zimbabwe yesterday.**

## Rampant Gayle, Hinds



AFP, Baroda

Chris Gayle hammered his third century in four matches to guide the West Indies to a five-wicket victory over India in the fifth one-day international here on Monday.

The 23-year-old opener scored 101 as the West Indies surpassed India's 290-8 with seven balls to spare in a game reduced to 48-overs-a-side after a delayed start due to a dew-soaked outfield.

The West Indies lead 3-2 in the seven-match series with the next match scheduled to be played in Jodhpur on Thursday.

Gayle, who scored 103 in the second match at Nagpur and 140 in the fourth at Ahmedabad, was not the only player to make merry on a batting wicket.

Fellow-opener Wavell Hinds smashed an entertaining 61-ball 80 with five sixes and 10 fours to put the West Indies on the right track.

"We showed a lot of character today," said West Indies captain Carl Hooper.

"I thought 290 was gettable on this wicket. Chris and Wavell batted well to set up the win for us. We hope to clinch the series with a win in the next game."

Spinners Harbhajan Singh and Murali Kartik sustained India's hopes of defending a big total with their tidy spells before Gayle took the match away from the hosts with

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PHOTO: AFP

**West Indies opener Chris Gayle lofts the ball for a six against India in the fifth one-day international yesterday.**

## ICC ponders way out

### Mike reporting on crowd troubles



REUTERS, Baroda

The International Cricket Council (ICC) is looking to introduce specific measures to decide the outcome of matches disrupted by crowd trouble, ICC match referee Mike Procter said.

South African Procter, supervising the current one-day series between India and West Indies which has been marred by crowd trouble, said he would send his report to an ICC committee being



MIKE PROCTER

urgently convened to discuss the problem.

Poor crowd behaviour marred the first three matches and Procter was forced to abandon the third Rajkot game on Tuesday after three West Indies players were hit by missiles thrown by fans.

The match was awarded to India on the basis of the Duckworth-Lewis method used for rain-affected games.

The ICC said it did not have the authority to remove the international status of such venues, which its Safety and Security Committee would consider "imminently".

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## Magura soccer

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Islampurpara Sporting Club defeated Satyapur Sabuj Sangha 2-1 in the Econo First Division Football League at the Magura Stadium yesterday.

Alam netted two goals for the winners while Zia reduced the margin for the losers. Babukhali Ekadash take on