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Australia vs England
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Live at 6:27 am

Pakistan vs Zimbabwe
Second ODI
Live at 1:30 pm

India vs West Indies
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Australia vs England
Second Test, Day Four
Highlights
Same Day Delay at 11:30 pm



Marc Wilmots
(Former Belgium soccer captain)
"I am not a fan of lifetime achievement awards, but this one represents the summit of my career, it crowns everything."
After winning the National Trophy of Sporting Merit.



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1. Who clinched the DC Gold Cup soccer title? Tangail M'singh N'ganj
2. Who lifted the Shanghai Tennis Masters Cup? Agassi Ferrero Hewitt
3. Who was the man-of-the-match in the 6th ODI between India and West Indies? Dravid Gayle Agarkar
4. Pakistan won the Test series against Zimbabwe by? 1-0 2-1 2-0
5. Brazil won the friendly match against South Korea by? 1-0 2-1 2-0

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Ispahani football

CU CORRESPONDENT

Kamalpara Jubo Sangha defeated River Side 5-1 in the 15th Ispahani Mahanagari Pioneer Football League at the Dampara Police Lines ground Chittagong on Friday. The first half ended 2-0.
Mohammad Jahangir and Russell scored twice each while Ansarul Haq netted the rest one.
Mohammad Manik scored the consolatory goal for the losers.



PHOTO: STAR

GETTING IN SHAPE FOR THE WINDIES: Tushar Imran bats against Alok Kapali in the nets during a practice session at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Board on the make

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

The preparation for the home series against the West Indies is going on rather unexpectedly well with the BCB (Bangladesh Cricket Board) expecting more financial prospect than the previous two series against Zimbabwe and Pakistan.

With the national team, now training extensively at the Bangabandhu National Stadium, desperately looking to get rid of the tag of international whipping boys, the Board expects more crowds to turn up at the ground to roof for their team during the Coca-Cola series.

The Board yesterday confirmed that all the hospitality (A/C and non-A/C) boxes have been sold out. It expects to sell 35,805 tickets for each of the two one-day internationals in Dhaka.

West Indies, now touring India, will arrive in Dhaka on November 26 to play in two Tests and three one-day internationals. But two players, Daren Ganga and Deren Powell, of the 15-member team will reach the city straight from West Indies on November 25.

Wicketkeeper Ridley Jacobs will lead the West Indies team in absence of regular captain Carl Hooper, who will have a knee surgery after the India tour.

The Caribbean team will fly to Chittagong on the same day to feature in the first one-day in the port city on November 29. Chittagong will also host the second Test, starting on December 16.

The second and third one-dayers on December 2 and 3 will be held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium under lights. Dhaka will also host the

first Test, starting on December 8.

The Board has already clinched some lucrative deals with different sponsors. Coca-Cola will pay USD 91, 000 for being the title sponsor of the tour. The four sight-screens in Dhaka and Chittagong were sold

out for Taka 20 lakh. Besides, the Board is negotiating a deal to sell the right of the electronic scoreboard at Taka 7.5 lakh.

"The Board had previously used

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PHOTO: STAR

Coach Mohsin Kamal watches Naimur Rahman bowl in the nets at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Series 'final' today

Cricket

AFP, Vijayawada

India go into the seventh and decisive one-day international against the West Indies here on Sunday confident of extending their impressive run.

India have yet to lose a one-day series this year as they have beaten Zimbabwe and the West Indies, drawn 3-3 with England at home, won the NatWest series in England and then shared the rain-hit Champions' Trophy with Sri Lanka.

"We are keen on maintaining our record," said stand-in India skipper Rahul Dravid, leading the team in the absence of Saurav Ganguly who was rested for the last two matches.

The series is currently tied 3-3, with India overcoming deficits of 2-0

and then 3-2 to level the scores with a three-wicket win in the sixth game at Jodhpur on Thursday.

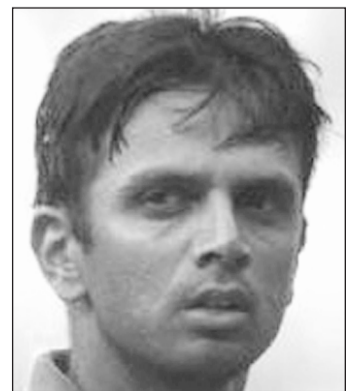
"We have been batting very well in this series," said Dravid.

"I think we have a good chance of winning the decider. It's now a one-

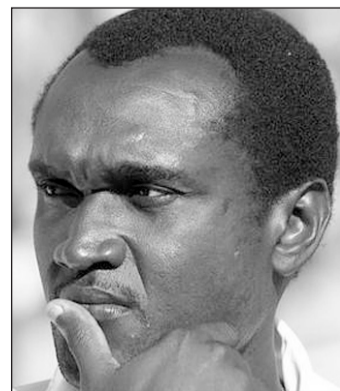
off game and we're confident going into the match, especially after our victory in the last game."

Dravid led from the front as he scored 58 under pressure in the previous match to keep alive India's

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RAHUL DRAVID



CARL HOOPER

Lal Bahadur hockey Bangladesh's participation uncertain

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh's participation in the Lal Bahadur Shastri Hockey Tournament has become uncertain following the delay in obtaining Government Order (GO).

The eight-team final round of the prestigious tournament begins in New Delhi on November 27.

Team officials said the tour may have to be called off if the team fail to get visa from Indian High Commission today (Sunday). Bangladesh are scheduled to play their first match on the 28th, but they have to reach the Indian capital by road before that.

Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) applied for the GO on November 16 through the National Sports Council but they got it only yesterday. According to the BHF plan, an 18-member national team was scheduled to leave here for Kolkata this morning by road but failed to do so due to the delay of obtaining the GO.

Bangladesh have been directly placed in the final round but their opponents are yet to be known. Musa Miah is to lead the 16-man team.

TEAM

Mahbubullah Chowdhury Shakil, Asiful Haq Rinku, Issa Miah, Shamsuddin Tuhin, Hedayatul Islam Khan Rajib, Yamin Hossain, Shahidullah Tito, Musa Miah, Towfiqul Islam Rana, Zahidul Islam Rajan, Ashraful Islam Shisu, Muksed Alam Habul, Shawkat Ali, Rahul Kanti Roy, Mazharul Islam Moksed and Abdur Rahman.

Officials: Nurul Amin, manager, and Nurul Islam, coach.

Ponting thru' purple patch

AFP, Adelaide

Ricky Ponting's 154 against England in the second Ashes Test here on Saturday was not one of his vintage centuries but it continued a golden run of form.

The national one-day skipper top-scored in Australia's first innings of 552 for nine Tests, and his fifth in his past seven matches.

But he said he was far from content with the way he was striking the ball.

"It certainly is very satisfying coming off having made 150, but I still wasn't over the moon with the way I hit the ball," Ponting said after Saturday's third day's play at the Adelaide Oval.

"I probably didn't hit the ball that well this game, there were a lot of mis-hit shots and things, but I occupied the crease and it was probably that sort of wicket where it was hard to time every ball and hit the ball in the middle of the bat all the time."

Statistically, Ponting is in the prime of his career, having bumped up his average to 49.31 from a career low of 33.00 with his string of prolific scoring in recent months.

His innings here was as much a testament to patience as talent, taking almost six hours and including only nine boundaries, many of his runs coming from nudged ones and two squares of the wicket on both sides.

But he said Saturday's performance, while less commanding than some of his previous centuries,

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White wins family feud

AFP, Adelaide

England all-rounder Craig White's immediate reaction when he dismissed Australian batsman Darren Lehmann in the second Ashes Test here on Saturday was to think of his sister.

White finished the best of England's bowlers with 4-106 in Australia's massive first innings declaration of 552 for nine.

One of those wickets was his brother-in-law, Lehmann.

"It was a strange situation," White said of the dismissal. "Obviously, it's Test cricket, I'm trying to get him out and he's trying to hit me for runs, but I just like to know how my sister was feeling at the time."

White said he celebrated the wicket when Lehmann was caught in the slips for five before the ramifications sunk in.

"I wonder how Andrea is feeling at the minute, it's quite funny," he said.

White, who is Yorkshire born and played Sheffield Shield cricket for Australian state Victoria from 1990-94 before pursuing an England Test career, said he dare not look at Lehmann when he first came to the crease to bat.

"I try not to look at him ... because he'll just make me laugh."

Ctg near ready for show

Cricket

SHAHIDUL ISLAM, Chittagong

The MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong is almost set to stage the opening over-limit match of Bangladesh's home series against West Indies on November 29.

The MA Aziz stadium made its debut as the world's 82nd Test venue by hosting the five-day match between Bangladesh and Zimbabwe on November 15 last year with a very frustratingly low turnout.

The organisers are however very optimistic this time about wooing huge crowd both in the ODI and the Test match to be held in Chittagong.

Many sports fans here at that

time refrained from enjoying the historic match complaining about the high price of tickets. Some also alleged that the internal conflict among organisers of the Chittagong Jila Krira Sangstha (CJKS) drew negative response from the crowd.

"That is surely not going to happen again. We learnt very well from our previous mistakes," said Ali Abbas, one of the organisers and a popular figure in sports-crazy Chittagong.

Hafizur Rahman, joint secretary of the CJKS, meanwhile said that tickets of different categories will be on sale at a half price of that of last year's matches against Zimbabwe. Tickets will be sold from different counters at the MA Aziz Stadium from the early morning of November 27.

CJKS general secretary Shahed Asgar Chowdhury also expressed his satisfaction over the arrangements and preparations for the two international matches in the port city.

"The pitch, wicket and outfield are now in an excellent state. The outfield will be smooth and fast. Fortunately, we got plenty of time this year to work on the ground and turn it into a fine cricketing field," he said.

As per the itinerary, Bangladesh team will be first to arrive in Chittagong at 10.35 am on November 26. The West Indies team is scheduled to reach here on the same day at 3.45pm. Both teams will stay at Hotel Agrabad and have their nets at the MA Aziz Stadium.



PHOTO: STAR

Workers give finishing touches to the stairs of a gallery of MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong yesterday on the eve of the first one-day international against the West Indies on November 29.

Masterful Youhana

Cricket

AFP, Bulawayo

Yousuf Youhana confirmed his status as Pakistan's top batsman in the first of five one-day internationals against Zimbabwe at the Queens Sports Club.

He coasted to 141 runs against a hapless Zimbabwe in 147 balls and his classy contribution produced a total of 302 for four which is almost certainly beyond Zimbabwe's reach.

Pakistan win

SPORTS REPORTER

Pakistan won the first one-day international against Zimbabwe by seven runs at the Queens Sports Club in Bulawayo yesterday. The home team made 295 for 9 in 50 overs with Andy Flower scoring highest 77 off 98 balls.

It was Youhana's highest international 50-overs match score, beating his previous 129, and it came hard on the heels of an innings of 159, scored in the second of two Test matches here earlier in the week.

His career one-day international average was advanced to over 40 and his average during this year to more than 50.

With Saleem Elahi, who stroked 53 from 69 balls, Youhana put on 126 for the second wicket and with Inzamam-ul-Haq he added a further 109.

In the final flurry he paired up with Younis Khan to add a further

unbeaten 61 for the fifth wicket. Inzamam's 55 came off only 58 balls.

Those three innings formed the basis for Pakistan's big score, which once again underlined their superiority over the home country.

Youhana's innings was not quite perfect. He was almost run out early on and Andy Blythe missed out on catching and bowling him when he was on 128.

Those small blemishes aside, it was an innings of perfection. There was no slogging - just excellent placement and boundaries out of the coaching manual.

Only Shahid Afridi, in his determination to do some damage beyond the boundary rope and Tafseer Umar, who hadn't settled and was dismissed in the second over, failed to join the runs chase.

Zimbabwe's bowlers had a torrid time with the notable exception of Grant Flower, whose accurate left-arm spin brought him a good measure of respect and figures of 2-33 in 10 overs.

The home side will be hard pressed to reach the target of 303, especially as they are putting out a mixed side of experience and raw novices in Sean Ervine, Stanley Matikisenyere and Richard Sims.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard after Pakistan's innings in the first of five one-day internationals against Zimbabwe played at the Queens Sports Club here on Saturday:	
PAKISTAN	
Umar Ibw b Ervine	1
Elahi c Sims b G Flower	53
Youhana not out	141
Inzamam c Blythe b Olonga	55
Afridi c Evans b G Flower	4

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BCB delays start of NCL

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) yesterday announced a fresh date for the National League.

The lone First Class competition, which was scheduled to start on November 28, will now start on December 10.

"We have decided to delay the start following requests from all the six divisions," said chairman of the Tournament Committee Shah Nurul Kabir Shaheen at the BCB's Bangabandhu National Stadium office yesterday.

Shaheen also added that this time the National League would be held at four different venues. They are Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, BKSP ground in Savar, Comilla and Chittagong.

The four-day competition followed by one-day game will have a final between top two finishers this time. Each of the participating teams in the single league meet will receive Taka one lakh as appearance fee this year.

Bangladesh take on Myanmar U-23 today

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh national football team will play their second and last preparation match against the Myanmar Under-23 side in Yangon today.

The local booters, now touring Myanmar as part of their preparation for the 3rd SAFF Championship, lost their first match against the same opponents by a solitary goal.



PHOTO: AFP

Pakistan's Yousuf Youhana, who made an unbeaten 141, here sweeps one fine during the first one-day international against Zimbabwe at Bulawayo yesterday.