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In all, 180 players participated in the 1999 World Cup, 166 appeared in different matches. But only 14 did not play even in a single match.



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 Chelsea vs Sunderland
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 Osasuna vs Atletico Madrid
 Live at 2:30 am
STAR Sports
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 Third Test, Day Two
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 Pakistan vs Zimbabwe
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 Australia vs England
 Third Test, Day Two
 Highlights
 Same Day Delay at 10:30 pm



Ronaldo
 (Real Madrid's Brazil super striker)
 "Now it is my chance to return to the scene with Real Madrid and I hope I can repeat what I did with Brazil. I am really looking forward to winning my first title with Real."
His ambition to win the Intercontinental Cup with the Spanish giants in Japan, where he won the World Cup with

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- Who was the man-of-the-match in the 6th ODI between India and West Indies?
 Dravid Gayle Agarkar
- Pakistan won the Test series against Zimbabwe by?
 1-0 2-1 2-0
- Brazil won the friendly match against South Korea by?
 1-0 2-1 2-0

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Magura soccer
OUR CORRESPONDENT
 Niznandual Sporting Club trounced Madanpur Harezan Smriti Sangsad 6-0 in the Econo First Division Football League at the Magura Stadium yesterday. Younus scored 4 while Zhuku and Shaheen netted one goal each for the winners.
 AH Khan Smriti Sangsad take on Satyapur Sabuj Sangha today at the same venue.



PHOTO: ZOBAER HOSSAIN SIKDER

RICARDO POWER: West Indies batsman Ricardo Powell flays one over mid on during his hurricane 88.

Brett afraid of Eng fightback

REUTERS, Perth

England still have a hope of fighting back in the third Ashes test despite finishing the first day in trouble, Australian fast bowler Brett Lee said.

Lee, who captured three wickets in England's modest first innings total of 185, said Australia's batsmen would have to be wary of the English bowlers over the weekend if they wanted to secure the Ashes.

Australia reached stumps on the first day in complete control at 126-2, just 59 runs in arrears with eight first innings wickets in hand, but Lee said things could change quickly on Saturday.

"I think it'll be a lot quicker wicket tomorrow," Lee said. "With the whole day's sun on it, that should give (England) something to aim at so we'll have to make sure we're on our guard."

Robert Key, who top scored for England with 47, also said the tourists were not without a slim chance of saving the game.

"It's pretty subdued but all's not lost I suppose," Key said. "It's obviously hard work but I wouldn't say it was all that difficult."

"Sometimes slower wickets can be harder to score off. This is just a very good wicket, it gives something to the bowlers and the batters."

A number of Englishmen, including captain Nasser Hussain and opener Michael Vaughan, gave their wickets away with loose shots but Key said the tourists were determined to go down fighting.

"When you actually go out there

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BD-WI SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the first one-day international between West Indies and Bangladesh at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong on Friday:

WEST INDIES	R	B	4	6
Gayle run out	38	7	5	0
Hinds c Hannan b Manjural	30	34	5	0
Samuels c Manjural b Rafique	9	15	2	0
Sarwan c Kapali b Ashrafal	39	66	1	0
Ganga c Hannan b Kapali	44	55	0	2
Powell c Al Sahriar b Taposh	88	51	7	6
Jacobs c Taposh b Ashrafal	10	8	1	0
Nagamootoo not out	6	3	1	0
Drakes not out	0	0	0	0
Extras: (lb-5, w-4, nb-2)	11			
Total: (For 7 wickets in 50 overs)	275			

Did not bat: J Lawson, C Collymore.
 Fall of wkts: 1-49; 2-75; 3-103; 4-142; 5-209; 6-261; 7-271.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Manjural	9	3	46	1
Taposh	7	1	43	1
Rafique	10	0	45	1
Naimur	10	1	30	0
Ashrafal	9	0	71	2
Kapali	5	0	35	1

BANGLADESH	R	B	4	6
Hannan c Jacobs b Drakes	5	10	0	0
Al Sahriar b Drakes	10	20	1	0
Ashrafal c Gayle b Drakes	29	25	4	1
Bashar c Jacobs b Drakes	2	9	0	0
Sanwar not out	16	21	2	0
Kapali not out	20	21	2	0
Extras: (lb-1, w-3, nb-4)	8			
Total: (For 4 wickets in 17 overs)	90			

Did not bat: Naimur Rahman, Mohammad Rafique, Taposh Baishya, Manjural Islam, Khaled Mashud.
 Fall of wkts: 1-15; 2-34; 3-48; 4-52.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Drakes	8	2	26	4
Lawso	3	0	26	0
Collymore	3	0	18	0
Nagamootoo	2	0	17	0
Gayle	1	0	2	0

Result: Match abandoned.
Toss: Bangladesh
Umpires: AFM Akhtaruddin (BD) and D Shepherd (Eng)
TV Umpire: Showkat Rahman (BD).
Match Referee: R Madugalle (SL)

101 'undesirables' found



REUTERS, undated

Cricket's anti-corruption unit (ACU) has identified 101 'undesirables' who will be barred from South Africa for next year's World Cup.

The sweeping ban is aimed at preventing match-fixing scandals, illegal betting and other criminal activity which have tarnished cricket's reputation.

In an interview with Reuters, southern Africa's World Cup head Ali Bacher said the International Cricket Council's (ICC) anti-corruption watchdog has drawn up the blacklist with the help of intelligence agencies and police forces in cricketing countries.

"There is a list of 101 people who are deemed undesirable," Bacher said late on Wednesday.

"They will not be allowed into the country."

Cricket was rocked two years ago by revelations of widespread

match-fixing after former South African captain Hansie Cronje admitted accepting money to influence matches.

Bacher said at the time he believed international cricket was under threat from Mafia-style syndicates of bookmakers.

He declined to identify those foreigners black-listed by former London police chief Paul Condon's anti-corruption unit. But he said they were part of the "underground".

Bacher says crowd and player safety at the World Cup -- running in 15 venues in three countries -- will be as watertight as possible. South Africa is battling a scourge of violent crime and sexual assaults.

Visitors can expect metal detectors at every ground, close circuit television cameras monitoring players and spectators and large contingents of police officers.

He said the use of cellphones by players would be restricted before and after matches. Entrance to changing rooms would be controlled.

Some 25,000 visitors are

expected for the two-month, 800,000-ticket event -- seen by many as crucial for the success of South Africa's hopes to host the world's two biggest sporting events, the soccer World Cup and the Olympics, in the next decade.

Bowled over by his good experiences at the Sydney Olympics, Bacher has taken a leaf out of the Australian organisers' book and has an army of volunteers to help run the event.

But with 10 weeks to go, there is still much to be done.

"People are not walking down stairs slowly now," Bacher said inside the plush ICC offices in Sandton, Johannesburg.

The 60-year-old is a former South African Test captain and batsman.

He organised pirate tours of South Africa during his country's sporting isolation during the apartheid era. But today he counts top figures in the black majority government among his friends and backs the World Cup's "legacy" projects.

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SERIES SNIPPETS



HASAN MASOOD, from Chittagong

The wicket at the MA Aziz Stadium baffled both the home team and the visitors. When the nature of the pitch demanded an extra seamer yet both captains chose specialist spinners.

Bangladesh captain Khaled Mashud, who opted for only two pacers, must have realised a little too late that a third paceman could have been better after Monjurul Islam and Taposh Baishya exploited the conditions. Besides, Mashud badly missed Talha Jubair in the closing overs and so he had to throw the ball to leg-spinner Alok Kapali in the last over.

West Indies also missed an opportunity to utilise one of the fast bowling reserves like Daren Powell, Pedro Collins and Cameron Cuffy in

place of leggie Mahendra Nagamootoo who proved ineffective.

SHABBY MEDIA BOX

While every effort has been made to renovate MA Aziz Stadium before the arrival of the West Indies, the media box seems to be the least of the organisers' worries.

All the chairs and tables looked dirty and so each poor reporter had no option but to clean their respective work station by himself. The whole time all the media officials were busy in the middle doing nothing.

The cleaners finally arrived but only half an hour after match started.

Although the organisers were kind enough to send the cleaners but one of the two air-coolers in the shabby press box remained inoperative after they had left.

CHITTA-GONE

There was no local player in the Bangladesh team and the knowledgeable Chittagong fans have learned to accept the fact.

"We have been experiencing a generation gap since the departure of Zahid Razzak Masum and Nurul Abedin and now the form of Minhazul Abedin and Akram Khan is erratic to say the least," said Iftakhar Chowdhury, a second year Chittagong University student.

"And unfortunately for years now we have been unable to produce players capable of walking into the national squad. Maybe it is due to the lack of cricket here, he observed.

"There were many competitions in the past. The organisers are too concerned with hosting international matches than taking care of domestic affairs."

Lal Bahadur hockey Bangladesh post victory

UNB, Dhaka

Visiting Bangladesh National team earned a 5-3 victory over Oil and Natural Gas Company of India in their second match of the Lal Bahadur Shastri hockey tournament at the Shibajee Stadium in New Delhi yesterday.

The first half was locked 2-2. Habul, who scored a hat-trick, was adjudged man of the match.

Bangladesh, who drew 2-2 against Central Reserve Police (CRP) of India in their first match in Group-B of the eight-team final round, will play their last group match against Air India on Sunday.

Smith out on 99

INTERNET, Centurion

Unlucky Graeme Smith was run out when on 99 as South Africa took the attack to Sri Lanka in the second one-day international at Centurion Park. The home side reached 252 for three at the end of the 44th over.

Earlier, the South Africans started off cautiously and reached 114 for two on completion of the 25th over after winning the toss and electing to bat first.

Opener Smith reached his fourth one-day 50 in the 24th over, from the 63rd delivery he faced, having struck three fours and a six.

He was joined in an unbroken partnership of 47 by Boeta Dippenaar following the dismissal of pinch-hitter Nicky Boje for 28.

After a slow start brought just 20 runs in the first seven overs, Herschelle Gibbs perished for 16, dancing down the wicket to Pulasthi Gunaratne but missing with a drive.

Boje was caught in the deep off the bowling of Dilhara Fernando after a 47-run stand with Smith.

The hosts brought Jonty Rhodes to replace Justin Ontong but fellow veteran Lance Klusener was again passed over.

Sri Lanka made two changes to the side that lost the first match of the series by six wickets on Wednesday.

The tourists brought in Hasantha Fernando for Jehan Mubarak and leg spinner Upal Chandana for seamer Prabhath Nissandana.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the South Africa innings after 44 overs in the second one-day international against Sri Lanka at the Centurion Park on Friday:

SOUTH AFRICA	O	M	R	W
Smith run out	99			
Gibbs b Gunaratne	16			
Boje c Chandana b D Fernando	28			
Dippenaar not out	67			
Kallis not out	33			
Extras: (lb-5, w-3, nb-1)	9			
Total: (For 3 wickets in 44 overs)	252			

Fall of wickets: 1-20, 2-67, 3-201

To bat: Shaun Pollock, Andrew Hall, Jonty Rhodes, Mark Boucher, Makhaya Ntini, Allan Donald

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Vaas	10	1	48	0
Gunaratne	7	1	33	1
D Fernando	7	0	48	1
De Silva	5	0	26	0
Jayasuriya	5	0	25	0
Chandana	7	1	47	0

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PHOTO: STAR

CHITTAGONG CHEERS: Some female fans are enjoying the first one-day international between Bangladesh and West Indies yesterday.