



## Did U Know?

West Indies legend Viv Richards had always the luck before wicket inside his country. He played 27 limited-overs internationals in the West Indies and was never trapped leg before wicket.



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Super Selector  
Live at 7:30 pm  
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Sport News  
Live at 8:30 pm  
South Africa vs Sri Lanka  
Fourth ODI, Highlights  
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Fifth ODI  
Live at 6:25 pm  
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Man United vs Arsenal  
Live at 6:00 pm  
&  
Everton vs Chelsea  
Live at 8:55 pm  
(Sunday)  
Primera Liga  
Sevilla vs Real Sociedad  
Live at 2:30 am

## BTV & ESPN (Sunday)

Bangladesh vs West Indies  
First Test, Day One  
Live at 9:30 am

## STAR Sports (Thursday)

English Premier Football League  
Chelsea vs Sunderland  
Taped Version at 12:30 pm  
Cricket Programming  
Super Selector  
Live at 7:30 pm

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## Steve Waugh

(Australia Test captain)  
"I was disappointed and hurt by it and I want to try to prove them (the national selectors) wrong."  
After he was dropped from the preliminary World Cup squad.



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# BD make five changes

## First Test starts Dec 8



SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Cricket Board announced a 15-member squad for the two-match Coca-Cola Test series against the West Indies yesterday.

The new selection committee

came into consideration after making a dazzling debut in the final one-day at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Tuesday.

The tiny right-hander scored 42 while opening the innings with Ehsanul Haque. It was a dream come true for the young batsman, who was not even considered in the main one-day squad.

Experienced all-rounder Khaled

medium pace could have proved useful in the longer-version series here.

Opener Javed Omar also suffered a double blow when he was not called up for the Tests after being overlooked for the one-day leg.

Young aggressive middle-order batsman Tushar Imran also failed to find a place in the Test fold after appearing in the third one-day game.



(L-R) Anwar Hossain, Mohammad Ashraf, Naimur Rahman, Aminul Islam, Enamul Hoque.

headed by Aliul Islam made five changes to the team that toured South Africa in September-October.

Experienced batsman Aminul Islam and slow left-armed Enamul Hoque have been recalled after last playing on the tour of Sri Lanka in July. Mohammad Ashraf also made a comeback after the previous selectors mysteriously dropped the youngest centurion in Test cricket from the South Africa tour.

Naimur Rahman also got his reward for an outstanding effort in the one-day series. The 28-year-old off-spinner lost both the captaincy and a place as a player after the home Test series against Zimbabwe in November 2001.

Besides, Anwar Hossain forced his way among the probables. The 19-year-old wicketkeeper-batsman

Mahmud, however, was the notable omission from the South Africa

Right-arm paceman Anwar Hossain Munir was left out to accommodate an additional all-rounder. While opener Rafiqul was still recovering from the head injury he suffered in a road accident along with some other players during the Challenge Trophy tournament last month.

Bangladesh lost the three-match one-day series 2-0.

The first Test will start at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on December 8. The second Test takes place in Chittagong on December 16-20.

Khaled Mashud's men will have their last training session today in the morning before enjoying a two-day Eid vacation.

## SQUAD

Khaled Mashud (captain), Anwar Hossain, Hannan Sarkar, Al-Shahriar, Mohammad Ashraf, Habibul Bashar, Sanwar Hossain, Aminul Islam, Alok Kapali, Naimur Rahman, Enamul Hoque, Taposh Baishya, Mohammed Rafique, Monjurul Islam and Talha Jubair.

squad. His absence from the one-day team caused uproar despite a good showing in trying conditions while in Africa. But the selectors once again took no notice of that performance even though his slow

# Sydney to send Mark off



AFP, Sydney

Mark Waugh will be paraded around the Sydney Cricket Ground in an open-topped car during the final Ashes Test against England here next month in a belated farewell to his hometown supporters, the Australian Cricket Board said on Wednesday.

Waugh's international career finished after 128 Tests when he was not selected for the first Ashes Test.

Now speculation is mounting that the January 2-6 Sydney Test could be the last for his 37-year-old twin brother, Test skipper Steve.

Chairman of selectors Trevor Hohns refuses to confirm or deny the whispers in the week when

Steve Waugh was left out of Australia's 30-man preliminary squad for next year's one-day World



MARK WAUGH

Cup in southern Africa. Waugh indicated this week that he wanted to play on until Australia's

tour to India in September 2004 and there are several milestones beckoning for the gritty Test captain.

He is only three Tests shy of passing Allan Border (156) as the game's most capped player and five wins away from beating West Indian Clive Lloyd for the captain with the most Test victories.

Waugh is 160 runs short of becoming only the third man to pass 10,000 Test runs behind Border (11,174) and Sunil Gavaskar (10,122) and one century away from Donald Bradman's Australian record of 29 centuries, and six away from Gavaskar's all-time record.

But selectors have shown their hard-headed approach in tapping players on the shoulder and saying it's time to go.

Long-serving wicketkeeper Ian Healy was unceremoniously dumped

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## Money doesn't matter for Waugh

AFP, Sydney

Embattled Australian Test captain Steve Waugh went directly to the public Thursday to deny suggestions that greed for money was keeping him from retiring gracefully.

In a back-page article published in Sydney's Daily Telegraph tabloid, Waugh, 37, insisted money was not what was driving him to hold on to his Test spot.

"The one point I disagree with totally is the notion that money keeps you playing," Waugh wrote.

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## Wrong footed India



INTERNET, Christchurch

Andre Adams was the star as New Zealand downed India in the first international clash of their tour -- a Super Max match in Christchurch on Wednesday.

Adams took five wickets overall as the tourists, chasing 109 in their second innings, were restricted to 87 for six.

Super Max, the brainchild of former Black Cap batsman Martin Crowe, involves two, 10-over innings per side, with extra runs available when the ball lands in target areas.

Opener Nathan Astle top-scored with 42 from 23 deliveries as New Zealand reached 123 for five after winning the toss.

India, though, took a 10-run lead in their first ever match in this form of the game, thanks to Sachin Tendulkar.

The Indian opener smashed a 27-ball 72 on his return from a hamstring injury.

Only Brendon McCullum could fashion a similar reply as the hosts took strike for a second time, smashing three fours and four sixes to reach 60 from 28 deliveries.

But New Zealand's 118 for seven was more than enough after two overs from Adams at the death yielded three wickets for 15.

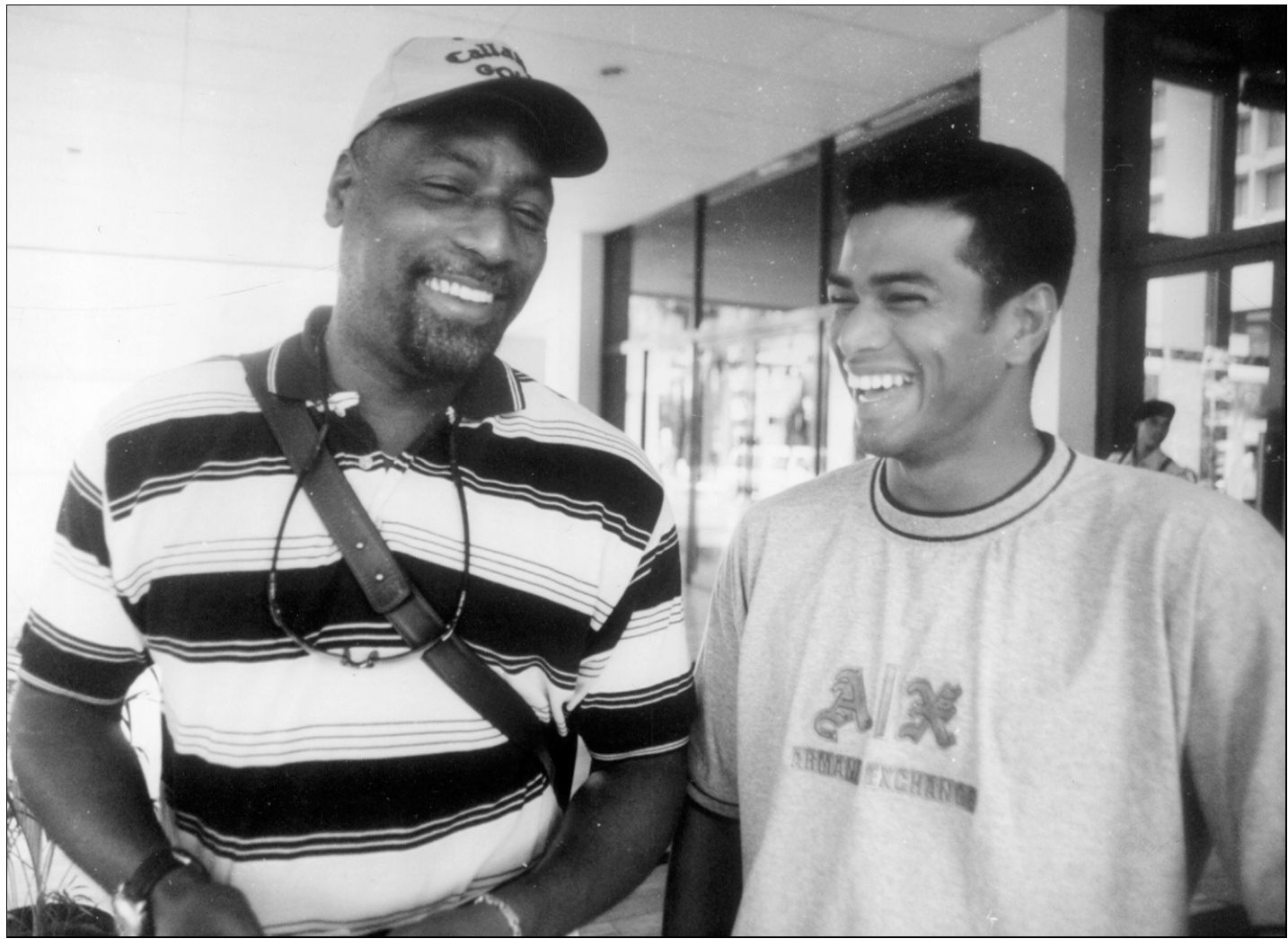


PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

IN THE COMPANY OF A LEGEND: Young Bangladesh all-rounder Alok Kapali (R) and Vivian Richards at the entrance of the Sonargaon Hotel share a light moment yesterday.

# In King Viv's court

HASAN MASOOD & RABEED IMAM

Isaac Vivian Alexander Richards needs no introduction. Richards is to cricket what Maradona or Pele is to football. Richards is arguably the most devastating batsman of all time. Born in 1952 at St John's, Antigua, Richards made his Test debut in 1974/75 against India and went on to play 121 matches before retiring in 1991. During his long distinguished career, the master-blasters amassed 8,540 runs at an average of 50.23 with 24 hundreds. Richards' career-best Test score was 291 against England at the Kennington Oval in London in 1976. However, true testimony of his destructive prowess is his 56-ball hundred against England at St. John's in 1986. In case you are wondering, that ton was scored in a Test match!

The phenomenal right-hander also appeared in 187 one-day internationals and made 6,721 runs at an average of 47.00 with eleven centuries.

Richards also represented Leeward Islands, Combined Islands, Queensland, Somerset and Glamorgan in first class cricket and is among a select band of cricketers with 100 first class centuries.

He took over from Clive Lloyd as West Indies captain in 1983-84 and carried on the unconquerable legacy of the mighty Caribbeans till he retired.

A king on and off the field, Viv Richards is a dominating figure in every capacity. He is presently the chief selector of a young West Indies team that has begun an encouraging journey in search of its lost glory.

The living legend is now in Bangladesh and obliged THE DAILY STAR SPORT at the poolside of Hotel Sonargaon yesterday morning despite his busy schedule. Following are excerpts of that memorable meeting.

**The Daily Star Sport (DSS):** From what little you have seen, how do you rate Bangladesh in international cricket?

**Vivian Richards (VR):** I think one of the things you have against you, is that you are pretty new in terms of Test match cricket or international cricket. I won't say that's a problem at this stage because Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe were in this position at some point too.

What you need now is a development programme with the youth. If you have a very good youth system, that could be the breeding place for a substantial unit.

What I feel is that maybe you are looking for success too soon because of the Test match status. But you have to remember that most of the established teams have worked really hard to come at this level.

It is always a positive thing when you have the Test status. The negative point is lack of success at this stage. But remember that you are just pretty new and you have got

to keep on working.

From what I have seen so far, there are a few talented individuals in your team. You don't need eleven very talented cricketers in a team. Rather, if you have a few good men, they can help bring along a few ordinary individuals.

**DSS:** What did you think of Bangladesh's performance in the one-day series against the West Indies?

**VR:** The last time I saw them was in the 1999 World Cup in Ireland when they played against the West Indies. They didn't look as fit as they are today, they weren't as enthusiastic and athletic. I think that is a positive improvement. It means that you've taken steps forward from Ireland. I believe that this is what improvement is all about.

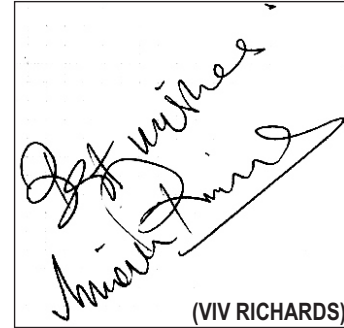
You have a guy who is just 17 or 18 and who is the youngest player to score a Test match hundred and against a quality side like Sri Lanka. Last night I saw a guy on 89 not out. So, all these are positive things.

**DSS:** Let's venture into your childhood. Your father was a fast bowler we've heard. Didn't he object

to you becoming a batsman?

**VR:** Well my father was very critical of me being a batsman. But I realised at that time that fast bowling was too much hard work. So the easiest thing was to take to batting.

Besides, when I was very young,



(VIV RICHARDS)

I always used to admire people like Sir Gary Sobers, Seymour Nurse. I didn't see the three Ws but I heard of them. And the legacy, which they had left, created an impression on me. So, there's a whole lot of factors that came into consideration.

**DSS:** What was your motto?

Was it only to play or entertain the crowd?

**VR:** It was not to entertain the people but to make a statement. I mean everyone can defend but not everybody can be an attacking player. Many times I may have been a bit thick headed or a bit big headed but I felt that people were getting too intimidated against fast bowling and always wanted to play defensive shots. I felt that if I'm playing a defensive shot then it's a negative thing because that is showing some sort of respect to the fast bowlers.

I thought that if I don't become aggressive or attacking, the bowler would get on top of me.

**DSS:** People say that if you had been more selective in your approach, you could've been the first man to score ten thousand runs in Test cricket....

**VR:** You can't have everything. Had I been like some other individual who scored a lot of runs while his team had no success, I could never be happy with that situation. Rather, I like the fact that

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## SAFF C'ship Afghanistan to take part

BSS, Dhaka

Afghanistan confirmed their participation in the third South Asian Federation Football (SAFF) Championship, a Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) press release said yesterday.

Afghanistan are to take part for the first time in the third edition of the meet, to be held here from January 10 to 20, along with seven South Asian countries -- India, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, the Maldives and Bangladesh.

The second edition of the competition was held in Goa, India in 1999 in which India clinched the championship and Bangladesh became runners-up.

Afghanistan, the new entrant of the meet, will play in Group A along with India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka in the preliminary phase, while Group B comprises Nepal, Bhutan, the Maldives and Bangladesh.

India will take on Pakistan while Sri Lanka meet Afghanistan in the opening day of the competition on January 10 at the Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium.

## Starring Sami



AFP, Johannesburg

Mohammad Sami made an impressive all-round contribution with both bat and ball on Tuesday as Pakistan drew the opening match of their South African tour against a Nicky Oppenheimer XI in Randjesfontein.

Sami hit a valuable 35 runs in a ninth wicket partnership of 73 with Abdul Razzaq to rescue his side from the precarious position of 130-8 as the tourists eventually completed their 55-over innings on 229-9.

The paceman then took 4-52 as the home side reached 187-9 in the 48th over when bad light put an end to any hope of a result.

Razzaq had remained unbeaten on 63 in Pakistan's innings but the day's top scorer was Zander de Bruyn who was unbeaten on 83 for the hosts.

Pakistan have taken a 17-man squad to South Africa for the tour which features a five-match limited-overs series beginning in Durban on Sunday as well as two Tests over Christmas and New Year.

"I know that 17 is probably too

much," said captain Waqar Younis. "But we'll probably be able to select our final 15 for the World Cup from this group."

Pakistan, coached by Englishman Richard Pybus, made a clean sweep during their Zimbabwean tour after being thrashed by Australia just prior to their African sojourn.

"We were a very young and inexperienced side when we took on Australia," said Pybus, who has also coached South African provincial side Border.

"We are much stronger now. South Africa are the second best Test side in the world. It will be a tough tour."

## SCOREBOARD

Full scoreboard of the Nicky Oppenheimer XI versus Pakistan one-day match on Tuesday:

PAKISTAN		BOWLER		O		M		R		W	
Umar c Jacobs b Morkel	0										
Elahi c M van Jaarsveld b Zondeki	14										
Misbah c De Bruyn b Zondeki	21										
Iqbal c De Bruyn b Kruger	32										
Younis c V van Jaarsveld b Kruger	63										
Razzaq not out	63										
Afridi c Fusedale b Kruger	12										
Latif b Fusedale	5										
Akmal b Fusedale	8										

Sami c Cullinan b Nel 35  
Zahid not out 12  
Extras: (w-11, nb-3, b-4, lb-1) 19  
Total: (For 9 wkts in 55 overs) 229

Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-27, 3-51, 4-73, 5-97, 6-110, 7-118, 8-130, 9-203

BOWLER		O		M		R		W	
Nel	12	0	48	1					
Morkel	12	1	30	1					
Zondeki	7	2	29	2					
Kruger	11	1	49	3					
Fusedale	13	0	68	2					

**NOXI**  
Jacobs c Latif b Sami 18  
Rudolph c Iqbal b Zahid 0  
M van Jaarsveld c Elahi b Zahid 7  
Cullinan b Sami 83  
De Bruyn not out 22  
V van Jaarsveld c and b Sami 0  
Morkel c Latif b Razzaq 20  
Nel c and b Afridi 2  
Zondeki b Sami 0  
Fusedale c Latif b Zahid 8  
Kruger not out 9  
Extras: (w-8, nb-9) 17  
Total: (For 9 wkts in 47.3 overs) 187  
Fall of wickets: 1-13; 2-22; 3-33; 4-70; 5-76; 6-119; 7-126; 8-127; 9-160



PHOTO: AFP

India's Sachin Tendulkar (L) follows through on a straight-drive during his first innings knock of 72 off 27 balls in the Super Max cricket international series at Jade Stadium in Christchurch yesterday.